

Feedback Form for Preaching

Place: Date of service:

Type of service:

Why have I been asked to fill in this form?

In order to improve, it is good practice throughout life to have some critical friends give feedback on our preaching. The most useful feedback that you can give will be encouraging and constructive, but also honest and sometimes critical. We realise that this can be hard! You do not have to give your name on the form, although you may wish to.

Thank you for taking the time to help

Please circle the appropriate answer by each question below.

Please add any particular comments in the spaces provided.

Ignore any questions which do not seem to apply to this preacher or this sermon.

Section 1 – Practical Matters

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| 1 | Were you able to hear the preacher clearly? | Yes | ? | No |
| 2 | Did the preacher use their voice well (variety, tone, pace, etc.)? | Yes | ? | No |
| 3 | Did the preacher make good eye contact with the congregation? | Yes | ? | No |
| 4 | Did the preacher seem competent, confident and relaxed? | Yes | ? | No |
| 5 | Did the preacher avoid odd mannerisms or other distractions? | Yes | ? | No |

Please add any particular comments:

Section 2 - Overall

1. Which of the following describe the sermon for you? (*circle all of the words which apply*)

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|------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Lively | Engaging | Thought-provoking | Moving | Complicated | Fun |
| Reflective | Understanding | Creative | Superficial | Sincere | Dull |
| Inspiring | Irrelevant | Challenging | Powerful | Clear | Practical |
| | | | | | Educational |

Add any other words that apply:

2. Did the sermon feel: c Too short? c About right? c Too long?

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| 3 | Did the preacher <i>grab</i> your attention at the start? | Yes | ? | No |
| 4 | Did the preacher <i>hold</i> your attention throughout? | Yes | ? | No |
| 5 | Did the preacher <i>end</i> the sermon well? | Yes | ? | No |
| 6 | Did you sense a structure or direction to the sermon? | Yes | ? | No |

Please add any particular comments:

Section 3 – The Content of the Sermon

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| 1 | Was the sermon appropriate to the congregation (for instance, the words used, the way it was presented, the stories or illustrations)? | Yes | ? | No |
| | <i>Comments:</i> | | | |
| 2 | Did the preacher use the Bible reading(s) well in the sermon? | Yes | ? | No |
| | <i>Comments:</i> | | | |
| 3 | Did the preacher use stories, humour, or illustrations well? | Yes | ? | No |
| | <i>Comments:</i> | | | |

Section 4 – The Impact of the Sermon

The sermon made an impact on my... *[tick any which apply]*

c **Mind** (I learnt something or understand something better)

c **Heart** (I felt moved by the sermon, or it touched my feelings)

c **Will** (I want to do something as a result, or it challenged me about how I live)

c Other:

If you can, please say more about the main thing you will take away from this sermon (this will help the preacher):

Section 5 – Summary and ‘Headline’

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| For me the preacher’s greatest strength was | <i>For me, the preacher could improve by</i> |
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