

# **21 Stages for Sermon Preparation**

Exegetical  
Process



# Exegetical Process

- Pray for God's direction throughout the process.
- Choose the topic and/or passage(s).
- Pray for an understanding of the text's original meaning.
- Study the passage exegetically.
- Write out the exegetical outline and proposition.

# Theological Process

- Pray for an understanding of the text's timeless truth.
- Study the passage theologically.
- Write out the theological outline and proposition.

# Homiletical Process

- Pray for an understanding of the text's contemporary relevance.
- Analyze the specific audience which is to hear the sermon.
- Ask, and answer, the three developmental questions.
- Write out a preliminary draft to help “find” the true purpose.

# Homiletical Process (continued)

- Determine and write out the purpose of the sermon.
- Develop and write out the proposition of the sermon.
- Determine and write out the structure of the sermon.
- Develop the structure with necessary support material.
- Plan and write out the conclusion.

## Homiletical Process (continued)

- Plan and write out the introduction.
- Manuscript the entire sermon in a clear, oral style.
- Plan and practice the delivery of the sermon.
- Preach the sermon with prayer, but without notes.