

Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

❖ **Overall Observation – Reflection – Application**

◆ **Observation (Subject)**

◆ **‘Real Life’ ... day-to-day issue the passage addresses (‘Point of Interest’)**

◆ **Reflection (Main Idea/Theme/Sermon in a sentence) – Key Verse**

◆ **Application**

❖ **Is there a “Wait a minute...” element in the passage? How does it fit into the sermon?**  
(e.g., Hook? Root Problem?)

❖ **How does the Main Idea unfold/develop in the passage?**

❖ **What are the Key Ideas?** (How do they relate to the Main Idea?)

❖ **What are the issues that people today face with/because of this subject? (i.e., Why will people be interested?)** *Think of specific people and situations...*

◆ **AND How does “LIFE IS MESSY” impact the subject and my dealing with it???**

◆ **What is the Problem/“Felt Need” the sermon addresses?**

❖ **What do I want people to...**

◆ **Feel or Understand about the *Problem/Need*?**

◆ **Feel or Understand about the *Answer* – what God/Jesus wants to do in our lives?**

◆ **DO (and/or allow God/Jesus to do in our lives)? [Desired Response]**

*What would it look like to fully believe... apply this text? What is the most important step to take to apply this message? How does this message challenge, convict, motivate, or comfort people?*

❖ **What excites me to preach this passage? How has God been bringing it alive in my life? What do I need to do to live it out more fully?**

◆ **How can I include/convey that in the sermon?**

❖ **What Questions and/or Objections might people have? How can I address them?**

◆ **What am I mistakenly ASSUMING people will know/understand/realize???**

❖ **What does the passage revolve around? (What is its “dynamic”?)**

◆ **What are possible ways to structure the sermon based on that? KEY: To make it an ‘accessible sermon’ vs. a lesson...**

❖ **SPECIFIC ELEMENTS:**

- ◆ **Hook (My 'Promise' to the audience in first 5 minutes)**
  
- ◆ **Goal/Objective – Conflict**
  
- ◆ **Main Idea** (Key “Takeaway”) – **Central Question** (That sermon answers and/or We ask)
  - **NOTE:** Make Main Idea very 'relatable' (vs. academic)
  
- ◆ **Root problem** (I.e., 'Status quo' that makes achieving the Goal impossible)
  
- ◆ **Key to Overcoming – HOW** Christ/the Gospel/GRACE makes achieving Goal possible
  - How we will have to change (e.g., our thinking primarily – then actions)
  
- ◆ **“What Do I Need to Do?”** (I.e., “How do I apply things to impact my life?”)
  
- ◆ **What achieving Goal looks like?** (How it will bless us and people in our life?)

