



Survey of PASTORS about Preaching

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To a six-question survey inquiring about recommendations to improve preaching, 68 pastors provided a variety of responses. The more prominent ideas are summarized and collated in the tables below. Multiple responses similar in nature are indicated by the number in parentheses.

(1) What is needed to **CHANGE** (improve) ... to **LEARN** ... to **SUPPORT** preaching?

in terms of PREPARATION	in terms of DELIVERY	in terms of CONTENT	OTHER comments
post-feedback (25)	not text/reading (8)	relevance (33) <i>connections to ...</i>	sound system (5) <i>+ simultaneous translation</i>
need resources (15)	need emotive (7)	stories (8)	conference/workshop (2) <i>+ better lectors</i>
pre-sharing (12) <i>prayer, input</i>	brevity (6)	focus on Word (6) <i>not academic, moralize</i>	
need awareness (9) <i>audience, cultures</i>	more engaging (5)	clarity (5) <i>one point</i>	
better preparation (9)	mobility (3)	pastoral application (2)	
	stronger voice (2)	thematic (2)	

(2) How can we **REACH** people with the Word beyond Sunday attendance?

by types of MEDIA	in FORMS other than at Mass
video (24)	devotions (13) + novenas (4)
podcasts (10)	sermon series (11)
social media (7)	bible studies (5) + prep programs (5)
Flock Notes (2)	parish missions (3) + evangelization events (3)

(3) What characterizes "**COMPELLING**" preaching?

in terms of DELIVERY	in terms of MESSAGE
well- prepared (7)	is relevant (21)
interpersonal (7) <i>emotive, engaging</i>	includes call to live (8) <i>conversion, conformation, virtue, witness</i>
personal (5) <i>passionate, genuine, conviction</i>	conveys the Word (7) <i>faith, mercy, love, spirit</i>
uses narrative / stories (4)	is understandable (4) <i>clarity, informative</i>