

HOMILETICS

TEXTBOOK READING SUMMARY

Instructions:

Answers to the Reading Summary Questions should be a paragraph.

1. Give three reasons why preaching is important, and explain each one.
2. Why is preaching a great responsibility?
3. What rebukes did Christ have for the Bible preachers of His time?
4. Briefly explain some parallels between the preparation of a preacher and either a soldier or an athlete.
5. Is knowing the original Hebrew and Greek the most important key to understand the Bible? What is the most important key, and why?
6. What does it mean to preach by revelation?
7. Explain a time in your life when you had a revelation for someone and how you could put that revelation into a sermon.
8. What does it mean to preach by knowledge?
9. What does it mean to preach by prophecy?
10. What does it mean to preach by doctrine?
11. What was the most famous sermon in all of history, and which of these kinds of preaching was used for it?
12. What does it mean to preach "out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2)?
13. Briefly explain three possible situations in a church that would require a "news update" from heaven, for you to be an effective preacher in that situation.
14. List four Scripture verses and a title for each that could be appropriate to preach during the Christmas season.
15. List four scripture verses and give a title for each that could be appropriate to preach during the Easter season.

16. If you know about a sin that is in the church, should you immediately preach a sermon against it? Why?
17. What kinds of messages are often preached in your church: topical, textual, and/or expository? What kind of message was preached at your church last week, and what was the subject or text?
18. Explain some parallels between the main body of a sermon and the shaft of an arrow.
19. Create and write down four interesting titles for sermons.
20. Do you remember any sermons with striking introductions? Write down one or two introductions that you remember, and why you remember them.
21. What are the main things you want to accomplish through the main body of the sermon?
22. How is a sermon outline like a skeleton?
23. What type of sermon outline can we best develop from Romans 5:3-5?
24. What type of sermon outline can we best develop from Hebrews 11:33-34?
25. What type of sermon outline can we best develop from Romans 8:6?
26. What type of sermon outline can we best develop from Matthew 7:7?
27. What type of sermon outline can we best develop from Jonah chapters 1-4?
28. List five illustrations in the Gospels (not mentioned in the book) that Jesus used in His preaching.
29. Make a basic acrostic outline from a three, four, or five letter word. Give the message a title, and write a starting word for each main point from each of the letters of the acrostic key word.
30. List four examples from nature or science (not mentioned in the book) that illustrate the danger of sin.
31. According to 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, did the Apostle Paul always feel like a confident preacher? Why?
32. If a preacher does not have a pure heart, what are some things he can impart when he speaks?

33. For what wrong reasons do some people consistently preach negative or condemning messages?
34. What are some ways in which the Holy Spirit can continue to move and seal a work in the hearts of the congregation after the message is over?
35. If you have preached and feel that God wants to move in a certain direction at the end of the sermon, but the leadership of the church rejects your suggestions and does not give you permission to continue leading, what should you do? Why?