

Preaching Preferences

Sensing Sermons

- * Strong on facts and details
- * Go step by step
- * 'Concrete' illustrations
- * Practical application



Intuitive Sermons

- * Full of possibilities
- * Imaginative
- * Make connections
- * Follow themes rather than track text



Feeling Sermons

- * Focus on the personal
- * Consider impact on people
- * Pursue harmony
- * Engage feelings



Thinking Sermons

- * Emphasise knowledge and understanding
- * Grapple with issues
- * Tackle challenging questions
- * Pursue the truth



SIFT Method

- * S - What are the details the facts, what we would experience with our senses?
- * I - What fires the imagination, makes connections, illuminates?
- * F - What do we see of relationships, values and what it is to be human?
- * T- What are the issues and principles to challenge our thinking?



Matthew 15: 21-28

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. **22** A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

25 The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

26 He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

27 “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

28 Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Introvert

- * Sermon lives in the study
- * Prepares in quiet reflection
- * Stays on script
- * What is written is permanent



Extravert Preacher

- * Sermon lives in delivery
- * May go off-script!
- * Attuned to congregation response
- * May talk through ideas

