

EN32 Upper Middle English
Sermon Project -- Questions to consider

Purpose: what precisely is the purpose of your sermon? What exactly are you attempting to make your listeners—congregation—understand or believe?

Audience Who do you imagine to be your congregation? What do you imagine they think or feel in particular about the subject of your sermon, and how can you influence their feelings, thoughts, beliefs, or behavior concerning your subject?

Content: what specific details and examples will you use to illustrate the sermon's purpose, how will you make those illustrations vivid and accessible to the audience, and how will you sufficiently developed them to be persuasive?

What logical explanations or evidence do you need to provide so that the audience will understand both the importance of the subject and why you think and feel the subject is valid?

Organization: How will you organize all the elements of your sermon: what should come first, last, in the middle? What evidence or illustrations will work well together? In what order will you provide your examples or illustrations? What transitions will provide your sermon with coherence?

Style: What specific diction, syntax, and figurative devices should you use to accomplish your goals with this audience?

Delivery: How will you deliver your sermon to communicate its message best? Where would a slowing down or pause be effective? Where should you speed up?

What changes in tone or volume should you attempt and where? Where will you look when you speak? When might you shift that focus?