

Sermon Introductions and Conclusions

Biblical Preaching

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Introductions

An introduction introduces the congregation to the sermon idea and its development.

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Even though the introduction and conclusion together will occupy perhaps 20-25% of your speaking time, these two divisions (intro and conclusion) in many ways will determine your success (or lack of it) as a public speaker.

Duane Litfin, Public Speaking, p. 234

There are four characteristics you should attempt to accomplish in your intro:

The Introduction Form:

- Image (and engage)
- Need
- Subject
- Preview
- Connection to text

Introduction Cautions:

Conclusions

When concluding, it is important that you end on !

Marks of a good conclusion:

Warnings: What not to do ...

END WITH CONVICTION!

Title Your Sermon

Good titles will ...

