



Living Word Uganda

"The word of God is living and active..." Hebrews 4v12

GUIDE QUESTIONS TO THE WRITTEN FEEDBACK FOR AMT DEVOTIONS

Apprentice	Desmond
Bible passage	Nehemiah 4
Date	07/04/2021
Duration	17 minutes
Introduction: Did the passage have a hook? Was this engaging / compelling? Did it fit the message of the passage? Desmond had a hook which involved him and his friends (Mike & Becky) being failed in exams just because Becky had refused to sleep with the lecturer. Whereas this was meant to introduce us to how Nehemiah's work faced opposition, it wasn't convincing and compelling enough. We failed to find a clear links between the two narratives.	
What was the theme sentence? "Remember the Lord our God who is great and awesome and fight for he fights for us."	
Did the talk persuade you that it was the big idea of the passage? Desmond's theme is gotten from verse 14 and verse 20. These may be key verses in Nehemiah 4 but I don't think they represent what is going on in the whole passage. There is a clear work of the enemies of God's people to despise, discourage and fight against the work of God through His servants which you don't capture in your theme.	
Did the sermon have clear teaching points? And did they clearly teach the big idea of passage? 1. Fighting the work (1-12) 2. Returning to the work (13-23) a) Remember the Lord b) Guard & Labor Yes they taught the his big idea although his big idea needed more work.	

Did the talk show me how this passage was driven by the original author's pastoral intention?

I must admit that there was little consideration of when, why and to whom Nehemiah was written. If these were taken into consideration, then we would have had a clearer aim sentence that is driven by the authors pastoral intentions.

Application: Is it clear what I should Think/ Do/ Be?

Did the application get under my skin?

Desmond applications were;

- **God answers pray: I understand that this was driven from verse 1-4 but I wasn't convinced that thus what these verses were calling for. We see Nehemiah praying but we don't see his prayer answered in this passage. So, you could have urged us to pray but I don't think the focus was on the fact that God answers prayers rather than the fact that Nehemiah prayed.**
- **Don't be caught off guard rather put on the full amour of God and be ready to fight: I see where this comes from all through the passage and I think this you did well to take note of this parallel with the church of God today. We all knew what we had to do when you applied this.**
- **Cast your burdens on Christ: I honestly don't know where he was getting this and where he was going with it.**
- **Deal with your anger: I am not sure this is what Nehemiah 4 is warning us against.**

What is the best feature of the talk?

- **Desmond did well to try and put in practice most of what he had learnt in his prepared to preach sessions. He had a well-structured sermon which had a Hook, clear theme, teaching points, illustrations, etc. many of which we require of every apprentice.**
- **He also did well to put into consideration the Genre of Nehemiah (Narrative) by retelling the story.**

What is the main thing that can be done to improve this talk?

- **You were very fast in your delivery which made it had to follow all through. Could you please slow down? Aim at saying less but very helpful to your hearers rather than trying to say to much which your hearers can cope with.**
- **Please work harder on you your exegesis so that your theme, teaching points and application points are drawn from the passage.**
- **Whereas I commend you for retelling the story of chapter 4, you will need to explain the passage a bit more. You were quick to move on in your sermon.**

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