**Deductive Sermon Outline**

Title:

Text:

Passage:

Introduction

**Now:** In this section, introduce your biblical passage with a strong introduction. The overall aim is to gain the audience’s attention, secure their attention, and orient them to the biblical text.

**Then (Context):** Make a clear transition from your introduction to the biblical passage. Are there any historical, geographical, political, or social issues that are pertinent to the meaning of the text? Is there anything on a macro level that brings light to the text? Allow Scripture to interpret Scripture. Pan-out of your immediate context and determine how this text fits into the surrounding paragraphs, chapters, book, and overall canon of Scripture.

**Always:** Provide the thesis/main point of the passage. This is also known as “the sermon in a sentence” or “pregnant thesis.”

**Purpose statement:** (Ex: My purpose in preaching this passage is for you to…; As we look at this text of Scripture you will discover…)

Body

1. Provide point and/or “frame” # 1

**Explanation**  Provide an explanation on the first point of the sermon.

**Illustration** If necessary, illustrate the first point.

**Application** Make specific application based on the explanation and illustration

**Transition** Provide a concise transitional sentence. Memorize it too.

1. Provide point and/or “frame” # 2

**Explanation**  Provide an explanation on the first point of the sermon.

**Illustration** If necessary, illustrate the first point.

**Application** Make specific application based on the explanation and illustration

**Transition** Provide a concise transitional sentence

1. Provide point and/or “frame” # 3

**Explanation**  Provide an explanation on the first point of the sermon.

**Illustration** If necessary, illustrate the first point.

**Application** Make specific application based on the explanation and illustration

**Transition** Provide a concise transitional sentence

**Conclusion** Provide an appropriate conclusion that binds the sermon together.

**Inductive Sermon Outline (Parables and Narratives)**

**Now** In this section, introduce your biblical passage with a strong introduction. The overall aim is to gain the audience’s attention, secure their attention, and then orient them to the biblical text.

**Then** Make a clear transition from your introduction to the biblical passage.

Body

**Re-tell the Narrative or Parable-** Parables and Narratives are stories. They have a plot. A story unfolds before your eyes. Therefore, re-tell the story. Bring the text to life.

Main Idea

**Main Idea:** An inductive sermon works towards a main point. After re-telling the narrative, state your main idea. What is the passage about? Tell them: 1) What is true 2) What to do.

Application

**Application** Make specific application

**Illustration** If necessary, illustrate your application

**Transition** Provide a concise transitional sentence

Conclusion

**Conclusion** Provide an appropriate conclusion that binds the sermon together.