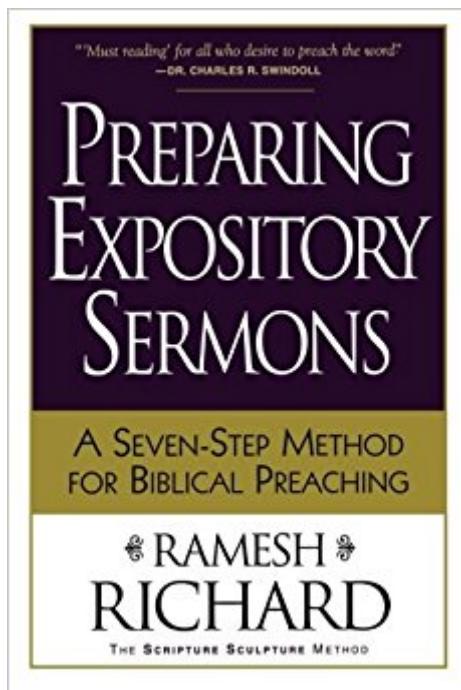


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# Preparing Expository Sermons: A Seven-Step Method For Biblical Preaching



## **Synopsis**

"The Bible is what God has made. Sermons are what we make with what God has made." This is the foundation for developing expository messages, according to Ramesh Richard. His method, explained in *Preparing Expository Sermons*, has been field tested in training seminars for thousands of preachers around the world. Richard's book is a simple do it yourself resource for developing and preaching expository sermons. It guides the reader through a seven step process, with many practical suggestions and illustrative charts along the way. In addition, there are eleven appendixes that include information on: how to choose a text to preach, narrative understanding, your audience, forms of sermon introduction. A comprehensive sermon evaluation questionnaire is included as well. *Preparing Expository Sermons*, an updated and expanded version of *Scripture Sculpture*, is ideal for beginning preachers, lay preachers without formal training, or any pastor who is looking for a refresher course in expository sermon preparation.

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developing and preaching expository sermons. It guides you through a seven-step process, with many practical suggestions and illustrative charts along the way. In addition, there are thirteen appendixes that include information on: how to choose a text for preaching, narratives, understanding your audience, elements of a competent sermon outline, forms of sermon introduction. A comprehensive sermon evaluation questionnaire is included. Ramesh Richard, Th.D., Ph.D., leads Ramesh Richard Evangelism and Church Helps (RREACH) International and teaches expository preaching at Dallas Theological Seminary. Previously published as Scripture Sculpture. Revised and expanded.

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I found this to be an outstanding refresher for me and a great resource that I can use to teach others. The appendices include valuable themes as well. Finally, the footnotes and links to other resources were extremely helpful. I will recommend this book to others, require my students to read it and hope to include portions in class notes.

This is one of the clearest and easiest to understand books about preaching. Ramesh Richard believes in verse by verse expository preaching (though he does acknowledge the occasional value of a topical expository message). He presents his Scripture Sculpture method, where we can sculpt a beautiful sermon out of a text of scripture. There are seven steps: Study the text (looking for key nouns and verbs and important prepositions and conjunctions), structure the text, find the central theme of the text, make a purpose statement, rewording the central theme of the text in a contemporary way, structuring the sermon (usually in the order of the text), and preaching the sermon. The book also has several examples from Ephesians to show us how to work through this seven step process (there are also examples from Matthew 18:21-35 and Revelation 4:1-12). I do wish that Dr. Richard would have had some clear examples of how to preach Old Testament narrative, but he does have an appendix dealing with narrative. The appendices deal with questions that are often raised by students at Scripture Sculpture seminars. For a future edition (this is already the second edition), maybe Dr. Richard could discuss the average length of time it takes to prepare a sermon and how to squeeze sermon preparation time into a busy schedule, especially when the preacher has several services a week. But the book was great, one of the best preaching texts I

have read.

I recommend this book to every preacher who is in the business of trying to structure their sermons & to those who already know how it is very helpful in putting together a good strategy to move you further along in your preaching pattern. All good preachers will give this book a look.

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Very good book. A "must have" for a preacher!

I've been preaching and teaching for several years now and have not found a more practical book on sermon preparation and presentation. I highly recommend this work!

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