

**“And... How Is It Going? Preaching Itself as a Difficult Conversation”**

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**Illustration One: Listener Response to the Homily**

<b>THE SUNDAY HOMILY THAT I LAST HEARD</b>							
Please circle the number that gives your most accurate response to the Sunday homily that you last heard.	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
1. This Sunday homily made me feel full of life.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
2. This homily had a central idea that I can still remember.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
3. This homily used words, examples, and images that I related to.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
4. Through this homily, I deepened my relationship with God/Jesus Christ/the Holy Spirit.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
5. This homily helped me in the struggles of my daily life.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
6. This homily spurred me to act more like Jesus.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
7. This homily spoke a personal message to me.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
8. This homily helped me to understand the Scriptures better.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
9. This homily opened my heart to more fully receive the Eucharist.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
10. This homily inspired a constructive discussion among my family and friend(s).	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
11. If I had a video or a written copy of this homily, or a link to it on the web, I would recommend it or give it to a friend.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Maybe So</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>Maybe Not</b>	<b>No</b>		

12. On a scale of 0 to 10, ten being the very best, how would you rate how well *this* particular homily *connected* you with God? Put an (X) on the spot that best represents your perspective:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I did not connect with God through this homily				I somewhat connected with God through the homily			I definitely connected with God through this homily			

13. On a scale of 0 to 10, ten being the very best, how would you rate how well this particular homily *motivated* you to deepen your commitment to God? Put an (X) on the spot that best represents your perspective:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Completely demotivating				Somewhat motivating			Very motivating			

14. On a scale of 0 to 10, how would you rate the quality of the last homily that you heard in relation to other public speaking that you have heard in the non-religious (e.g. education, sports, political, TV, or entertainment) world? Put an (X) on the spot that best represents your perspective. The homily was:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Much worse				About the same			Much better			

15. If you could tell this homilist anything about how to improve his preaching, what would you tell him?

Initials of the homilist evaluated \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Mass attended \_\_\_\_\_



Thanks for your input!

**Illustration Two. Measuring the Long-term Impact of Preaching for Discipleship Growth**

<b><i>THE LONG-TERM IMPACT OF PREACHING</i></b>					
Please describe your experience of what has happened in your life <i>as a result of the preaching</i> that you have heard this year. Circle the number of agreement that most accurately describes what you have experienced.	Completely do not Agree		Agree Somewhat		Agree Completely
	1. I have gained courage in overcoming the obstacles in my life.	1	2	3	4
2. I have felt closer to God.	1	2	3	4	5
3. I have a stronger understanding of Scripture.	1	2	3	4	5
4. I am more willing to speak about my faith to others.	1	2	3	4	5
5. I am more motivated to act charitably as Jesus did.	1	2	3	4	5
6. I have improved my attitude and I am happier.	1	2	3	4	5
7. I have grown in my understanding of Church teaching.	1	2	3	4	5
8. I know better how to integrate my faith with my world.	1	2	3	4	5
9. I understand life more clearly.	1	2	3	4	5
10. I stay in touch with God and pray more.	1	2	3	4	5
11. I am more committed to improving my relationship with Jesus.	1	2	3	4	5
12. I understand better the kind of person that God wants me to be.	1	2	3	4	5
13. I participate more actively at Mass.	1	2	3	4	5
14. I more deeply appreciate the Eucharist.	1	2	3	4	5
15. I am more aware of how and where God is calling me.	1	2	3	4	5
16. I have grown in compassion for the world in which I live.	1	2	3	4	5
17. I have turned my life back to Jesus.	1	2	3	4	5
18. I have done more to serve the poor and marginalized.	1	2	3	4	5
19. I participate more actively in my parish.	1	2	3	4	5
20. I have become more forgiving and merciful to others.	1	2	3	4	5

**Illustration Three. Integrating Preaching Practice and Homiletics Instruction**

