



SERMON NOTES

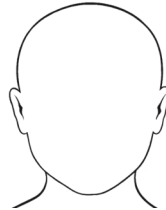
Date _____

Use this sheet to help you think through the sermon today.

Preacher/Speaker _____

Scripture Passage _____

Additional Verses _____



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<p>What is the main idea of this sermon?</p>	<p>What key words/thoughts are important?</p>
<p>What did we learn about God from this passage?</p>	
<p>What does God want me to do or believe in response to this message?</p>	
<p>What was my favorite song lyric today?</p>	<p>What is something I didn't understand?</p>

Day One—Sermon Application

The Bible claims that it is absolute truth for all people of all times; however, in today's culture, a majority of people believe that truth is relevant and therefore the Bible is irrelevant. In this week's message, we talked about the ability of the Word of God to penetrate the material and the immaterial—meaning the whole person.

What effect does the Word of God have on a person according to Hebrews 4:12?

If the Word is alive and active and penetrates the souls of individuals, how can it be said that the Bible is irrelevant? Is the Bible really irrelevant, or do people see it more as irritating and offensive?

When explaining Hebrews 4:12, Albert Barnes wrote, "Is it not true that men are made to see their real character under the exhibition of the truth of God? ... Many a man has a deep and fixed hostility to God and to his gospel, who might never be sensible of it if the truth was not faithfully proclaimed... They cannot always conceal their emotions, and the time will come when truth, like light poured into the soul, will reveal their unbelief and their secret sins." **If the Word of God is not important in your life, is it because It is irrelevant, or because it is irritating?**

Day Two—Worship Preparation

Focus today on the lyrics of the song entitled "Blessed Be Your Name."

In the land that is plentiful	When the sun's shining down on me
Where Your streams of abundance flow	When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed Be Your name	Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place	On the road marked with suffering
Though I walk through the wilderness	Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed Be Your name	Blessed be Your name

(<https://youtu.be/rVPlmVe2WcQ>)

Day Three—Sermon Anticipation

Next Sunday, we will be thinking about this question, "If God is good, why is there so much evil in the world?" We encourage you to focus some time on the small book of Habakkuk in the Old Testament.

In Habakkuk 1:1-11, the prophet is crying out to God for help. He doesn't understand why God is 'seemingly' doing nothing to help them. The LORD answers the prophet, Habakkuk, in verses 5-11. **What did God reveal to Habakkuk in these verses?**

We often ask questions like: "Why won't God heal them?" or "Why does God let such ungodly people get away with ungodly things?" God is mysterious. The Bible is linked together by the overriding theme of salvation, but it is also a book of history that tells us that God is involved in and cares about the destiny of the world. To understand some of the mystery of how God answers His people we need to be familiar with the history of His Word, as well as His character and actions. **How do these things relate to Habakkuk 2:4?**