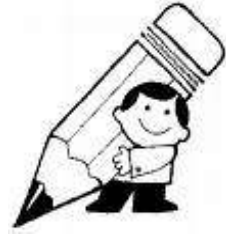


How to Write a Sermon Summary



- You are expected to do two sermon summaries a month (except during the summer). Midweek Lenten and Advent sermons may be included.
- Arrive at church 10-15 minutes before the Worship Service begins, bringing with you a pen or pencil and writing paper. (If you forget, ask the pastor for a pen or paper prior to the service.) Do not take notes on the Sermon Summary sheet. Don't even bring it to church.
- Look at the Worship Service bulletin for the sermon title and text.
- Read the Scripture lessons on the bulletin insert, especially the lesson upon which the sermon is based.
- During the sermon, listen for and write down key words or phrases which will remind you of Law, Gospel, and the main message. Don't try to write down whole sentences.
- When you get home, again read the Scripture lesson upon which the sermon was based. Do the Sermon Summary while the sermon is still fresh in your mind.
- Read the notes you took during the sermon.
- Write out on the Sermon Summary sheet the information requested, using one or two sentences for each category (*Law, Gospel, Main Lesson, What Do You Remember Most?*). Don't agonize over it. It's a learning tool, not a test. Also, I want *your* thoughts, not those of your mom, dad, brother or sister. Do try to write neatly and pay attention to spelling and grammar.
- The Sermon Summary is due the class period following the sermon.
- Don't worry, this will get easier as you get more experience. ☺