# Self-reflection for preaching (or equivalent)

Place: …………………………………… Date of service: ……………………………

Type of service: …………………………………

Bible reading(s):

Any other details about the context:

*First consider your own reflection of yourself and the service. Only then look at any other related feedback sheets and complete the sections in boxes.*

***Included with this form should be a copy of the notes or text of the sermon.***

**Section 1 – Practical matters**

Indicate any problems you were aware of with your delivery, audibility, manner, etc.

*List any particular issues raised by the feedback you received.*

**Section 2 – Overall**

1. How did you feel the congregation received your sermon? E.g. Did you get a ‘feel’ for whether they were ‘with you’, or a sense of how it had gone from informal feedback after the service?

*How does your instinct compare to the formal feedback you received?*

1. How long was the sermon… a) meant to be: …………… b) actually: ………………

*Was there a general sense from the feedback how long it felt for the congregation?*

1. How do you feel about the structure of the sermon – beginning, ending, direction, flow?

*Were any particular issues raised by the feedback you received?*

**Section 3 – The content of the sermon**

1. What illustrations, stories, jokes, visual aids, multimedia etc. did you include? How effective do you feel they were?
2. What did you most struggle with in preparing the sermon, and why?
3. Reflect on any unplanned aspects of the sermon (e.g. adding or cutting material as you preached; sensing God steer you in particular directions; etc.) and your response.

*Were any particular issues raised by the feedback you received?*

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## Section 4 – The impact of the sermon

What was your *aim* for the sermon? - i.e. what impact did you hope it might have? (This is

*not* the same your sermon’s title, though it may include that.)

*In what ways does the feedback suggest that your aim was fulfilled or not? How does God seem to have used the sermon – and what are the surprises?*

## Section 5 – Summary

If you had the chance to go back in time and have another go, what would you do differently?

*Was there anything in the feedback you received which was* ***surprising*** *or felt* ***unfair****?*

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