

Application 201¹

The big point when it comes to giving a talk is *Application*

Obama Speech — notice appeal to hope

Steps in Application:

1. *Understand your Destination*

- a. Journey with no destinations- rollercoaster ride
- b. Journey that never starts- broken down
- c. The distracted preacher- derailed
- d. The preacher that takes no passengers- empty train

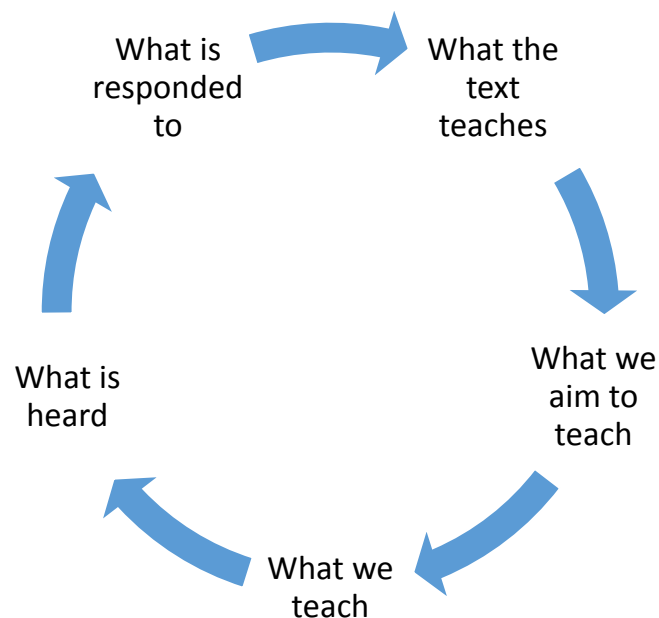
The *So What* question.

- Know
- Feel
- Change

The final destination should *always* be *gospel transformation*

2. *Understand your Journey*

The Sermon Cycle



¹ This material is dependent on the session by Wanyeki Mahiaini at MTC Jan 2016 and on Tim. Hawkins, *Messages that Move*.

- a) What the Bible teaches - get out what is there – Bible will tell you what the Bible is saying – Scripture interprets Scripture – the Bible is the authority on itself
- b) What we aim to teach – exactly what the Bible teaches - plan to teach what is there – the transforming truth – the thrust of the passage with a life transforming goal
- c) What we actually teach – teach what plan to teach – difficulty with the teacher in that if we are not very clear about what we aim to teach we can easily wander off when we are actually teaching
- d) What is heard and learnt – not necessarily the same – difficulties with teacher and learner
- e) What we respond to – as a community to what the Bible teaches

3. *Understand your Passengers*

We have a responsibility to know and be faithful to:

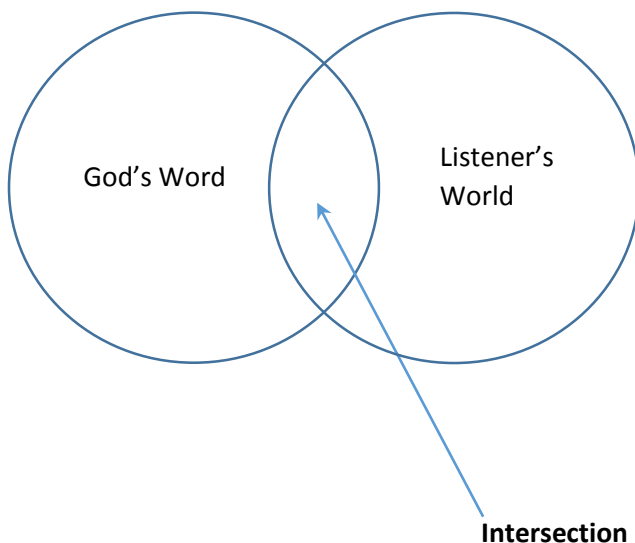
1. The Bible
2. The People

Danger of preaching over people's heads

Danger of simplistic preaching and simplistic understanding (e.g. ask and receive)

What's it like to live in your listener's world?

- a) What current events are they talking about?
- b) What do they laugh at?
- c) What do they make jokes at?
- d) What does everyone think is 'cool'?
- e) What are they complaining about?
- f) What are they hoping for?
- g) What do they get wrong?



iServe Africa 2nd Year Training Wednesdays

Kenya has changed:

- Churchill, Mchungagi & Mtumishi comedians who make fun of preachers, entertainment valued most. The next generation of comedians will have an agenda for culture changing. If you make people laugh their hearts open and the lie goes in.
- Status consciousness, judged by size of car
- Music industry – the sermons people are listening to every day – Daddy Owen, Size 8
- Jalang’o: “Money is not everything; it’s the only thing” – a very effective sermon
- Idolatry – money is a god, marriage is a god, sex is god
- Functional atheism – living as if no God
- Analogue to digital media, more channels, more international
- America → Nigeria → Kenya – Winners Channel, RCG
- Social media – almost all of the Bible handling there is prosperity gospel

