

SMALL GROUP PREPARATION WORKSHEET

Workshop on Biblical Exposition

Name: _____ Text: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: In your small group, you will have 5-7 minutes to present on each of your texts (one text each in two different small group sessions). For each, you should begin by stating the theme and aim of your talk on the text (see the last three questions below), and then walk us through how you would teach the text using these preparation questions. Please prepare a handout on each text for your group that gives an overview of your work including, but not limited to, your answers to these preparation questions (10 copies).

1. What is the structure of your Biblical text? How should that structure shape the emphasis of your teaching outline? [*Consider plot, surprises, characters, setting, characterization of God, etc.*]

2. What is the broader context of your text? How does this context inform the meaning of your specific text? [*Consider the immediate literary context first, as well as the historical context from the historical and prophetic books of the same historical period.*]

3. What is the main theme (or melodic line) of the book in which your text is found? How does the main theme (or melodic line) of the entire book inform the meaning of your specific text?

4. How does your text anticipate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? [*Consider different methods such as typology, analogy, promise-fulfillment, biblical theological themes, New Testament references, etc.*]

5. What is the theme of the text? [*The theme is one, concise sentence stating the 'big idea' of the passage.*]

6. What is the primary aim of your text? [*The aim is one, concise sentence stating the author's intended application or a relevant implication of the text for the lives of the readers.*]

7. What is your theme and aim for your people as you prepare to teach?