

Sermon Passage: _____

Date: _____

Sermon Preacher: _____

Elder Scripture Reading:

Sermon Title: _____

I. Introduction

A. Context – Write 3 main ideas that provide background for the sermon text. (*Hint ~ When was Hebrews written? To whom was it written? What was the author's purpose for writing?*)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. Thesis or Proposition – What is the pastor trying to prove?

C. Enumeration – How many points (or proofs) will be provided?

D. Exposition – What are the main points (or proofs)?

1. Christ's for the church

2. Christ's for the church

3. Christ's and for the church

Introduction Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

II. Main Points (or proofs)

A. Point 1: Christ's for the church

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided to support point 1?
(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on **who** godly leaders are and **how** the church should respond.)

a. The _____ of godly leaders

b. The _____ to godly leaders

2. Application – What do I do with this information? (Hint ~What is the purpose of submission and to whom should believers submit?)

Point 1 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

B. Point 2: Christ's for the church

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided to support point 2? (*Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on what God has called godly leaders to do.*)

a. The godly leader's _____

b. The godly leader's _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? (*Hint ~What should the believer's attitude **be** toward godly leaders? What should the believer's attitude **not be** toward godly leaders?*)

Point 2 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

“When God’s people realize that their leaders must give an account to God, they ought to be much more tolerant, understanding, and sensitive toward their leaders’ actions and decisions... But let it not be forgotten that you and I will appear before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account for our own stewardship as servants of Christ and for our response to the spiritual leaders whom Christ has graciously given to us.”

~ Alexander Strauch ~

C. Point 3: Christ's and for the church

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided to support point 3? (*Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on the godly leader's responsibility and the church's potential outcome.*)

a. The _____ of the godly leader

b. The _____ for the godly leader

c. The _____ for the church

2. Application – What do I do with this information? (*Hint ~ In what ways can believers bring joy to the hearts of their leaders? How can believers help guard against disaster?*)

Point 3 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

III. Conclusion

Fill in the blanks based on what you have learned.

- A. Godly leaders are under shepherds who are _____ by Christ that the sheep might mature and be more like Him.
- B. The under shepherds of the church _____ the sheep by watching out for them and taking accountability for them.
- C. When the sheep submit to their God-given shepherds by supporting, encouraging, and respecting them for their work, they can enjoy the _____ and _____ God planned for them.



Scripture for Further Study

Suggestion: Read and meditate on some of the following passages each day of the coming week.

1. Warnings given in Hebrews:
Heb 2:1-4; 3:7-14; 5:11-6:20; 10:26-39; 12:15-17; 12:25-29
2. God's plan for elders to lead His church:
Acts 14:23; 20:17-25; Phil 1:1; 1 Thess 5:12-13; 1 Tim 3:1-7; 5:17-21; Titus 1:5-9; Heb 13:7, 17; Js 5:14;
3. God's leaders being like watchman:
Isa 56:9-11; Ezek 3:16-21; 33:1-9; Acts 18:6; 20:26; Heb 13:17
4. Leaders being judged and/or held accountable:
Js 3:1; 1 Pet 5:1-4; 1 Cor 4:1-2; 1 Thess 2:4; 1 Tim 5:20-21; Heb 13:17; 2 Cor 5:10; Rom 14:12; 1 Cor 3:13-15
5. The leaders' joy being the Christ centered joy of the sheep:
3 Jn 4; 1 Thess 2:19-20; 3:9; Phil 1:25; 2:2; 4:1; 2 Cor 2:3-4; 7:4; 12:14-15; 2 Tim 1:4

Conclusion Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention: