



1. Read through passage.
2. Read through passage several times aloud.
3. Understand the context of the passage. (By reading the whole chapter, getting a sense of where the passage falls within the book. What comes before? What follows?)
4. Make sense of the passage for yourself.
5. What do you think is the overall point, or the most important point to impart from the passage?
6. What does the passage mean to you?
7. What is the general feeling or mood of the passage? Joyful? Anxious? Sorrowful? Instructional? Compassionate? Angry?
8. Play with adopting the point of view of the speaker (or writer). (6 - 8 makes all the difference in engaging your listener)
9. Mark the piece, or scoring.

/ = stress


[] = transitions

 = faster


 = phrasing

 = slower


// = breath

 = pitch or inflect upward

' = catch breath

 = pitch or inflect downward

() = pause

 = non-inflection

< = get louder in volume

> = get softer in volume

- 10, Connect with the audience. Even though they may be looking down and following along, your energy will go up and out into the space., instead of down into the book/lectern.
- 11, Take your time. The church is a very live acoustical space, and so you have to wait for the "echo" to catch up before you move on.
- 12, Make sure you breathe. Take that moment at the lectern to plant yourself and inhale/exhale. That moment not only prepares you, but prepares the listener. Use the introduction of the text as a way to test volume and distance from the microphone.

what happened before?

Revelation 21: 1 - 6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth * had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,* coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. //]

And I heard a loud voice* from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is amongy mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.* //

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." //]

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." // Also he said,

"Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." // Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the

Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. // To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."]

*all of these part of a build you can express vocally with volume or pitch or speed.

*as Isaiah predicted

*New Jerusalem = the Church

*from Ezekiel

*from Isaiah

the vision of the New Jerusalem, the Renewal of Creation