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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to help Myanmar pastors in Chiang Mai in order to know how to prepare an effective sermon. This study describes the needs of Myanmar pastors. It helps them to prepare themselves and prepare a sermon effectively. Myanmar pastors can learn important things related to preparing sermons. This study will benefit Myanmar pastors in sermon preparation because it describes their needs and show the methods on preparing themselves and sermons. Finally, it gives suggestions for them.

In this study five chapters are included. Chapter one is the introduction of this study. It is about the situation of Myanmar pastors and their needs. And it describes the importance of preaching, its goal and the definition of preaching. Chapter two says preparing and developing the preaching. It contains preparing heart, mind, and body of the preacher. It describes that the preacher needs to have relationship with God, loving heart for God, receiving the word of God, and the gentle manner. To have a healthy body in doing ministry the preacher has to do exercise at least 30 minutes a day. Chapter three is about preparing the material for an effective sermon. It mentions the importance of knowing the audience and preparing the text for a sermon. The preacher has to make sure that he or she knows the maturity of the audience, the biblical knowledge of the audience, and the culture of the audience. And the preacher is to know the importance of studying the biblical text and types of studying the text. It also describes that the preacher is to make sure that he or she study the biblical text

based on the situation of the original audience. The preacher is to study the text contextually and historically. Chapter four explains the preacher how to add the important parts of the sermon. It says the importance of the introduction of the sermon, the body of the sermon, and the conclusion of the sermon. Chapter five is the conclusion for the whole study. It includes the summary for the whole study and suggestions that will be useful to Myanmar pastors.

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