

stockportfamilychurch

preaching and teaching today

Good Food?

Sunday July 8 7:45 – 9:30pm

Town House, Thomson St, SK3 9DR

all welcome

anyone for
Curry?



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What makes a good sermon?

**Reviewing a recent sermon in the public eye -
Bishop Michael Curry's 'Power of Love'
sermon from May's Royal Wedding**

**How should we best respond to a sermon in a
church setting?**

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Individually, then in pairs

think of a sermon that, for whatever reason,
you would consider a 'good' sermon.
Describe it.

think of a sermon that, for whatever reason,
you would consider a 'bad' sermon.
Describe it.

(no names please!)

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When delivery is done well, it tends to disappear from view

If I want to *avoid* being a 'bad' preacher, work on the disciplines that will allow me to *deliver* effectively

If I want to *be* a 'good' preacher, work on the disciplines which will allow me to have *something worthwhile* to say

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Delivery

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Who are you, what do you carry?

Spiritual dynamic

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- rhetoric
- repetition of phrases, summary
- setting up expectations
- logos, ethos, and pathos
(rational, credible, emotional)
- spontaneity
- inclusio

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Glen Scrivener's review of 'Power of Love' sermon

media response



- **difference between media reporting and research**
“only 12% thought the sermon improved their understanding of Christianity.”
Charlotte Hobson, Theos research conducted by ComRes
- “A single 14–minute sermon does not a revival make”
- “the poll also exposes a significant minority of individuals who, though largely understood to be disinterested in and disengaged from religion, through their genuinely positive attitudes evidenced a willingness to engage more with Christianity.”

how should we best respond to a sermon?



- receive it with faith
- receive the word eagerly
- encourage the preacher
- listen with your inner ears
- listen for yourself and others
- be a hearer and doer

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