

Doing the Work

2 Tim 4:1-5

Main idea: To emphasize the importance of perseverance, unity, equipping individuals, and overcoming challenges in building the church

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Suggestions for moving forward with your sermon on "Doing the Work" and building a church:

1. Emphasize the importance of perseverance and faithfulness in carrying out the work of building the church. You can draw inspiration from the following Scriptures:

- Galatians 6:9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
- Hebrews 10:36: "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised."

2. Highlight the role of unity and collaboration within the church community. Use the following verses to support this idea:

- Ephesians 4:16: "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-14: Discuss the analogy of the body and its different parts working together for the common goal.

3. Discuss the importance of equipping and empowering individuals for the work of building the church. Consider incorporating these verses:

- Ephesians 4:11-12: "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."
- 2 Timothy 2:2: Encourage the passing on of knowledge and skills to others who can continue the work.

4. Address potential challenges and obstacles that may arise in doing the work. Use these verses to provide guidance:

- James 1:2-4: Discuss how trials can produce perseverance and maturity in our faith.
- Matthew 10:16: Encourage wisdom and discernment when facing opposition or difficult situations.

Regarding language suggestions from the original languages, you can explore the Greek word "ergon" (work) used in 2 Timothy 4:5. It is also used in Ephesians 2:10, emphasizing that we are God's workmanship, created for good works.

Remember to weave these additional ideas into your existing sermon outline and use them to reinforce your main points.