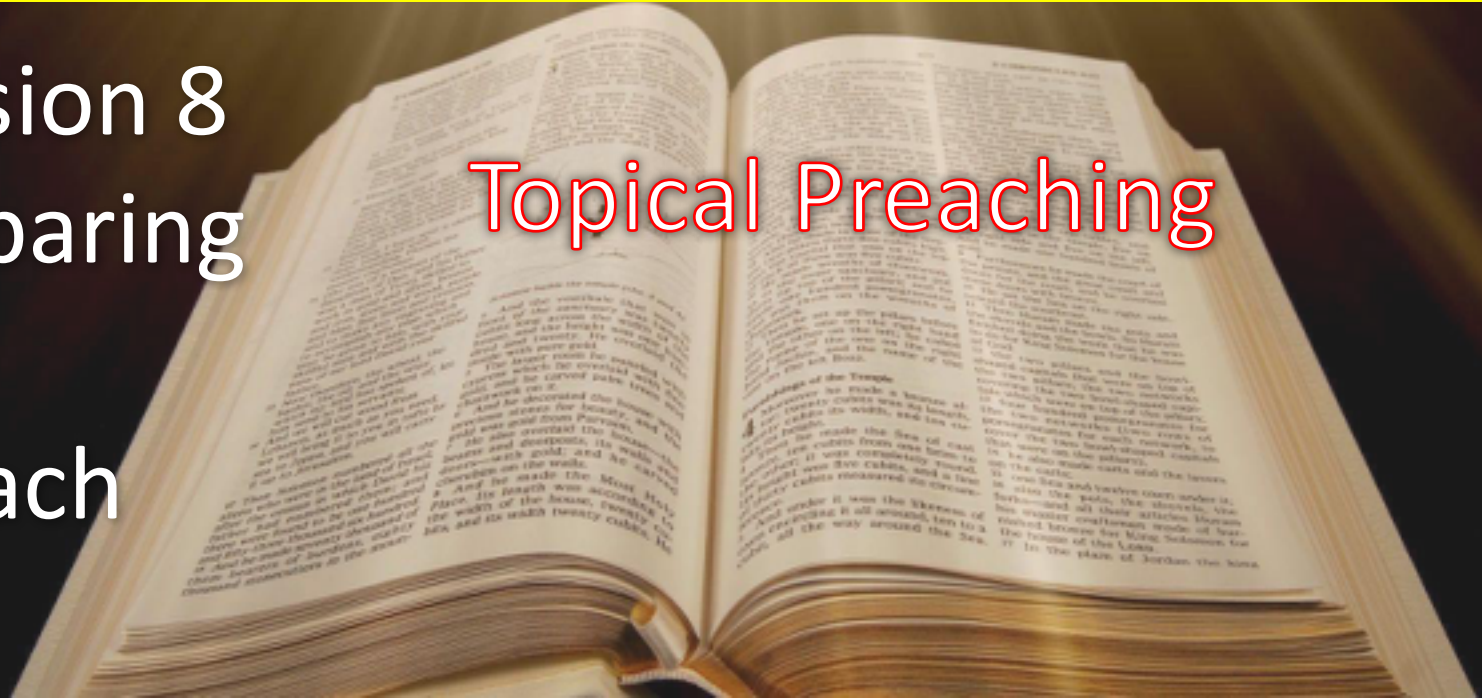


Preacher, Preparation, Presentation

A class on making and preaching sermons

Session 8
Preparing
To
Preach

Topical Preaching



Topical Preaching:

“Free text preaching”

“Synthetic outlining”

“...when the preacher has an idea and then searches for a biblical text (or texts treating that idea...(and) feels free to develop the sermon without rigid adherence to the structure of the text and without the compulsion to deal fully with every verse, phrase, or word in that text.”

- Michael Duduit



The Preacher and His Preaching

“...choosing a certain subject, or topic, then searching through all of the Scriptures to discover what light can be thrown on the subject under consideration.”

Process

Preacher starts with a topic

Finds Bible passages that deal
with that topic; seeks key
principles

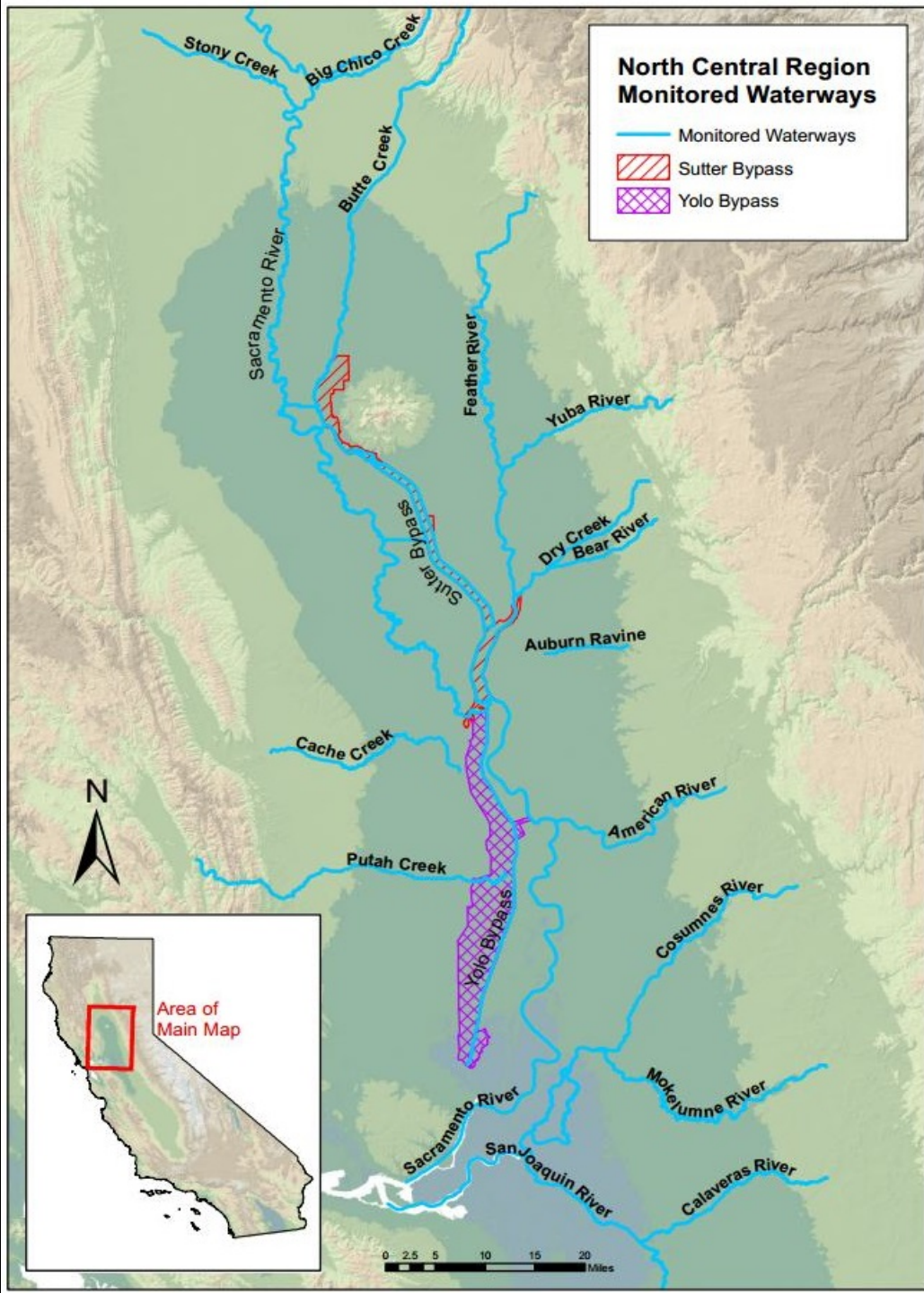
Arranges them to exhort or
encourage

Finds anecdotes and quotes

Conclusion to apply the truth

North Central Region Monitored Waterways

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- ▨ Sutter Bypass
- ▨ Yolo Bypass



Related:

Expository-Topical method

- Historical, grammatical and literary study of the passages

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4. Great Bible themes/doctrines are best explored this way.

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“Let him which is on the top
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Matthew 24:17

“Judas went and hanged
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4. Preacher focuses on his own agenda, rather than God's.

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“God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the creating he had done.” Genesis 2:2-3

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3. A foretaste of eternal rest.

Hebrews 4:9-11: “There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God...Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest.”

What is Sabbath?

What does God command us to do on the Sabbath?

1. Remember (Exodus 20:8)
2. Observe (Deut. 5:12)
3. Rest (Deut. 5:14-15)

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