



## AI PROMPT ENGINEERING

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Using AI tools as a pastor creates new opportunities for deeper research while potentially saving time.

Church Accelerator Partners have access to custom AI tools to evaluate messages, create outlines, generate new ideas, and more.

Outside of custom solutions, prompt engineering is the best method to achieve helpful results.

Here is a list of prompts that I used before I created my custom tools.

### SERMON IDEATION AND WRITING PROMPTS

#### *SCRIPTURE UNDERSTANDING PROMPTS:*

##### 1. Contextual Analysis:

- “What is the historical and cultural context of [specific Bible verse or passage]?”
- “What was happening in the world when this scripture was written?”

##### 2. Literary Structure:

- “What is the literary form of [specific Bible verse or passage] (e.g., parable, prophecy, epistle)?”
- “How does the structure of this passage contribute to its meaning?”

##### 3. Key Themes and Messages:

- “What are the main themes presented in [specific Bible verse or passage]?”
- “How does this scripture relate to the overarching narrative of the Bible?”

##### 4. Word Study:

- “What is the original meaning of the key words in [specific Bible verse or passage] in Hebrew/Greek?”
- “How does understanding the original language change the interpretation of this verse?”

##### 5. Comparative Analysis:

- “How does [specific Bible verse or passage] compare with other scriptures on the same topic?”
- “What are the differences and similarities between this verse and parallel passages?”

*CONCEPT UNDERSTANDING PROMPTS:*

1. Application:

- “How can the principles in [specific Bible verse or passage] be applied to modern-day life?”
- “What practical steps can be taken to live out the message of this scripture?”

2. Illustrations and Stories:

- “What are some contemporary stories or illustrations that can help explain [specific Bible verse or concept]?”
- “How can a personal testimony be used to highlight the message of this scripture?”

3. Theological Significance:

- “What is the theological significance of [specific Bible verse or concept]?”
- “How does this scripture contribute to our understanding of God’s character and plan?”

4. Questions for Reflection:

- “What questions can I ask my congregation to help them reflect on [specific Bible verse or passage]?”
- “How can this scripture challenge or encourage the faith of my listeners?”

5. Connections and Cross-References:

- “What are some key cross-references that illuminate the meaning of [specific Bible verse or passage]?”
- “How does this scripture connect with the broader message of the book it is in?”

*DEEPENING ENGAGEMENT PROMPTS:*

1. Personal Impact:

- “How has [specific Bible verse or passage] personally impacted my life or ministry?”
- “What personal experiences can I share that relate to the message of this scripture?”

## 2. Community Relevance:

- “How is [specific Bible verse or passage] relevant to the current needs and challenges of my congregation?”
- “What specific issues in my community can be addressed through the message of this scripture?”

## 3. Interdisciplinary Connections:

- “What insights from psychology, sociology, or other fields can enhance the understanding of [specific Bible verse or concept]?”
- “How can I incorporate perspectives from church history or Christian thought to deepen the message?”

## 4. Dialogue and Discussion:

- “What questions can I use to foster dialogue and discussion around [specific Bible verse or concept]?”
- “How can I create opportunities for interactive engagement with this scripture during my sermon?”

As ChatGPT accesses the entire web to source answers, it’s always helpful to ask a few questions to ensure you get a holistic perspective.