

Frequency tables

Both frequencies and percentages (between brackets) are given of all items concerning the meaning of the sermon and other religious issues.

1 = not at all descriptive
 2 = largely not descriptive
 3 = neither descriptive or not descriptive
 4 = largely descriptive
 5 = extremely descriptive
 9 = missing

Service in general	1	2	3	4	5	9
The service as a whole was appealing to me.	2(1.0)	17 (8.5)	29 (14.4)	72 (35.8)	77 (38.3)	4 (2.0)
I felt at home in church.	0(0)	5 (2.5)	30 (14.9)	78 (38.8)	84 (41.8)	4 (2.0)

Affective meaning	1	2	3	4	5	9
I felt touched by the sermon	7 (3.5)	23 (11.4)	57 (28.4)	70 (34.8)	43 (21.4)	1 (0.5)
I felt emotionally involved in the sermon.	0 (0)	14 (7.0)	39 (19.4)	91 (45.3)	56 (27.9)	1 (0.5)
In the sermon I felt taken seriously.	10 (5.0)	10 (5.0)	30 (14.9)	76 (37.8)	74 (36.8)	1 (0.5)
I felt comforted by the sermon.	19 (9.5)	40 (19.9)	53 (26.4)	55 (27.4)	33 (16.4)	1 (0.5)
I felt bored during the sermon.	116 (57.7)	48 (23.9)	21 (10.4)	12 (6.0)	2 (1.0)	2 (1.0)
The sermon made me regret certain issues in my life.	60 (29.9)	50 (24.9)	40 (19.9)	29 (14.4)	21 (10.4)	1 (0.5)
During preaching I felt attentive.	10 (5.0)	19 (9.5)	62 (30.8)	58 (28.9)	44 (21.9)	8 (4.0)
During preaching I felt interested.	2 (1.0)	8 (4.0)	49 (24.4)	72 (35.8)	63 (31.3)	7 (3.5)
During preaching I felt alert.	16 (8.0)	27 (13.4)	73 (36.3)	58 (28.9)	18 (9.0)	9 (4.5)
During preaching I felt excited.	129 (64.2)	38 (18.9)	18 (9.0)	6 (3.0)	0 (0)	10 (5.0)
During preaching I felt enthusiastic	40 (19.9)	39 (19.4)	74 (36.8)	34 (16.9)	5 (2.5)	9 (4.5)
During preaching I felt inspired.	28 (13.9)	40 (19.9)	84 (41.8)	29 (14.4)	11 (5.5)	9 (4.5)
During preaching I felt proud	140 (69.7)	22 (10.9)	21 (10.4)	7 (3.5)	1 (0.5)	10 (5.0)
During preaching I felt determined.	54 (26.9)	40 (19.9)	58 (28.9)	33 (16.4)	7 (3.5)	9 (4.5)
During preaching I felt strong.	41 (20.4)	26 (12.9)	81 (40.3)	37 (18.4)	7 (3.5)	9 (4.5)
During preaching I felt active.	37 (18.4)	39 (19.4)	69 (34.3)	40 (19.9)	7 (3.5)	9 (4.5)
During preaching I felt hostile.	182 (90.5)	6 (3.0)	3 (1.5)	1 (0.5)	0 (0)	9 (4.5)
During preaching I felt irritable.	154 (76.6)	24 (11.9)	8 (4.0)	5 (2.5)	1 (0.5)	9 (4.5)
During preaching I felt guilty.	106 (52.7)	34 (16.9)	30 (14.9)	16 (8.0)	5 (2.5)	10 (5.0)
During preaching I felt ashamed.	118 (58.7)	32 (15.9)	28 (13.9)	12 (6.0)	1 (0.5)	10 (5.0)
During preaching I felt nervous.	163 (80.6)	13 (6.5)	11 (5.5)	3 (1.5)	2 (1.0)	9 (4.5)
During preaching I felt jittery.	112 (55.2)	44 (21.9)	23 (11.4)	11 (5.5)	2 (1.0)	9 (4.5)
During preaching I felt distressed.	175 (87.1)	13 (6.5)	2 (1.0)	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	9 (4.5)
During preaching I felt upset.	170 (84.6)	13 (6.5)	5 (2.5)	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	11 (5.5)
During preaching I felt scared.	162 (80.6)	19 (9.5)	8 (4.0)	0 (0)	1 (0.5)	11 (5.5)
During preaching I felt afraid.	170 (84.6)	13 (6.5)	5 (2.5)	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	11 (5.5)
I felt distant from what the sermon was talking about.	90 (44.8)	57 (28.4)	29 (14.4)	17 (8.5)	7 (3.5)	1 (0.5)
To me, the sermon had nothing to do with what is going on in the world.	76 (37.8)	43 (21.4)	45 (22.4)	25 (12.4)	11 (5.5)	1 (0.5)
To me, the sermon was related to my own context.	40 (19.9)	46 (22.9)	53 (26.4)	41 (20.4)	19 (9.5)	2 (1.0)
Matters that are important to me came up in the sermon.	1 (0.5)	7 (3.5)	33 (16.4)	96 (47.8)	63 (31.3)	1 (0.5)
During preaching I had the feeling: 'That is exactly directed at me.'	17 (8.5)	35 (17.4)	72 (35.8)	49 (24.4)	25 (12.4)	3 (1.5)
I had the impression that the sermon was of use to others.	11 (5.5)	14 (7.0)	96 (47.8)	56 (27.9)	18 (9.0)	6 (3.0)

The most important questions of my life came up in the sermon.	31 (15.4)	36 (17.9)	64 (31.8)	34 (16.9)	33 (16.4)	3 (1.5)
The sermon gave me a feeling of prospect beyond the limits of life.	24 (11.9)	23 (11.4)	35 (17.4)	53 (26.4)	64 (31.8)	2 (1.0)
During the sermon, I became aware that my own mortality.	63 (31.3)	31 (15.4)	25 (12.4)	38 (18.9)	41 (20.4)	3 (1.5)
During preaching, I became aware of my own responsibilities.	14 (7.0)	25 (12.4)	46 (22.9)	72 (35.8)	42 (20.9)	2 (1.0)
During the sermon, I felt guilty because I did not do what I could or should have done.	55 (27.4)	43 (21.4)	51 (25.4)	29 (14.4)	20 (10.0)	3 (1.5)
During the sermon, I felt that human beings should “go it alone” in life.	148 (73.6)	23 (11.4)	18 (9.0)	5 (2.5)	4 (2.0)	3 (1.5)
During the sermon, I felt connected with God.	19 (9.5)	28 (13.9)	54 (26.9)	63 (31.3)	33 (16.4)	4 (2.0)
During the sermon, I felt connected to the source of my existence.	25 (12.4)	19 (9.5)	47 (23.4)	68 (33.8)	37 (18.4)	5 (2.5)
The sermon made clear to me the purpose of my life.	26 (12.9)	28 (13.9)	49 (24.4)	50 (24.9)	46 (22.9)	2 (1.0)
During preaching a feeling of ‘what is the meaning of my life’ came over me.	26 (12.9)	28 (13.9)	49 (24.4)	50 (24.9)	46 (22.9)	2 (1.0)
During preaching I felt God’s presence.	13 (6.5)	39 (19.4)	50 (24.9)	65 (32.3)	29 (14.4)	5 (2.5)
I experienced God speaking to me through the sermon.	19 (9.5)	29 (14.4)	61 (30.3)	59 (29.4)	32 (15.9)	1 (0.5)
During preaching I experienced an encounter with God.	38 (18.9)	47 (23.4)	50 (24.9)	41 (20.4)	21 (10.4)	4 (2.0)
Through the sermon I felt close to God.	11 (5.5)	31 (15.4)	64 (31.8)	64 (31.8)	30 (14.9)	1 (0.5)

Cognitive meaning	1	2	3	4	5	9
I followed the sermon attentively.	4 (2.0)	13 (6.5)	44 (21.9)	91 (45.3)	46 (22.9)	3 (1.5)
It was difficult to me to follow the sermon.	105 (52.2)	55 (27.4)	19 (9.5)	14 (7.0)	6 (3.0)	2 (1.0)
I think I understood what the preacher meant in the sermon.	2 (1.0)	5 (2.5)	23 (11.4)	100 (49.8)	70 (34.8)	1 (0.5)
I find it difficult to remember what was said during the sermon.	43 (21.4)	73 (36.3)	49 (24.4)	22 (10.9)	11 (5.5)	3 (1.5)
I could summarize in a few sentences what the sermon was about.	12 (6.0)	19 (9.5)	49 (24.4)	85 (42.3)	34 (16.9)	2 (1.0)
Little of the sermon was new to me.	26 (12.9)	47 (23.4)	77 (38.3)	41 (20.4)	9 (4.5)	1 (0.5)
I agreed with what was said in the sermon.	2 (1.0)	8 (4.0)	24 (11.9)	73 (36.3)	93 (46.3)	1 (0.5)
What was said in the sermon matched my beliefs.	6 (3.0)	10 (5.0)	26 (12.9)	82 (40.8)	76 (37.8)	1 (0.5)
What the preacher said in the sermon was plausible to me.	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	29 (14.4)	84 (41.8)	85 (42.3)	1 (0.5)
The sermon made me think.	8 (4.0)	23 (11.4)	54 (26.9)	75 (37.3)	38 (18.9)	3 (1.5)
In the sermon I learned something about the Christian faith.	11 (5.5)	25 (12.4)	54 (26.9)	72 (35.8)	37 (18.4)	2 (1.0)
Through preaching it became clear to me that I am not blamed for my mistakes.	18 (9.0)	25 (12.4)	56 (27.9)	58 (28.9)	43 (21.4)	1 (0.5)
The sermon made clear what God asks of me	7 (3.5)	16 (8.0)	40 (19.9)	82 (40.8)	55 (27.4)	1 (0.5)

Intentional meaning	1	2	3	4	5	9
Through the sermon I made the decision to do certain things.	31 (15.4)	41 (20.4)	46 (22.9)	51 (25.4)	29 (14.4)	3 (1.5)
I was motivated by the sermon to orient myself towards God.	10 (5.0)	20 (10.0)	49 (24.4)	76 (37.8)	42 (20.9)	4 (2.0)
The sermon inspired me to engage with my faith (for example by reading or praying).	13 (6.5)	28 (13.9)	51 (25.4)	58 (28.9)	50 (24.9)	1 (0.5)
The sermon made me wanted to mean something to others.	15 (7.5)	46 (22.9)	66 (32.8)	56 (27.9)	16 (8.0)	2 (1.0)
The sermon showed me my responsibilities for others.	11 (5.5)	40 (19.9)	58 (28.9)	49 (24.4)	42 (20.9)	1 (0.5)
Because of the sermon I wanted to take up a cause in this world.	32 (15.9)	49 (24.4)	62 (30.8)	41 (20.4)	16 (8.0)	1 (0.5)
Because of the sermon I resolved to change aspects of my life.	29 (14.4)	45 (22.4)	52 (25.9)	54 (26.9)	20 (10.0)	1 (0.5)
Because of the sermon I resolved to change aspects of myself.	18 (9.0)	41 (20.4)	61 (30.3)	54 (26.9)	23 (11.4)	4 (2.0)
The sermon had little or no use to me.	113 (56.2)	40 (19.9)	30 (14.9)	12 (6.0)	2 (1.0)	4 (2.0)

Advent themes		1	2	3	4	5	9
anticipation	Come to us, the world is waiting.	8 (9.6)	7 (8.4)	12 (14.5)	30 (36.1)	23 (27.7)	3 (3.6)
preparedness	How shall I receive Thee?	3 (3.6)	3 (3.6)	17 (20.5)	30 (36.1)	27 (32.5)	3 (3.6)
darkness	Dispel the night of distress and death.	13 (15.7)	13 (15.7)	18 (21.7)	23 (27.7)	9 (10.8)	7 (8.4)
light	The sun comes up in the east, the light is shining everywhere.	7 (8.4)	7 (8.4)	16 (19.3)	27 (32.5)	20 (24.1)	6 (7.2)
power	You mighty ones of earth, God's patience is over now.	31 (37.3)	18 (21.7)	13 (15.7)	9 (10.8)	7 (8.4)	5 (6.0)
peace	In these times I [God] brought peace to earth.	11 (13.3)	12 (14.5)	22 (26.5)	24 (28.9)	10 (12.0)	4 (4.8)
atonement	I was soiled with/ by sins, You came and cleaned me.	2 (2.4)	1 (1.2)	10 (12.0)	29 (34.9)	37 (44.6)	4 (4.8)
incarnation	You wanted to dwell among humans and to be their brother.	11 (13.3)	11 (13.3)	16 (19.3)	22 (26.5)	18 (21.7)	5 (6.0)
tyranny	Deliver us from tyranny.	22 (26.5)	23 (27.7)	19 (22.9)	8 (9.6)	6 (7.2)	5 (6.0)
penance/ repentance	He is coming – repent now.	2 (2.4)	6 (7.2)	19 (22.9)	33 (39.8)	19 (22.9)	4 (4.8)
redemption	I was bound/ tied up, You came and set me free.	1 (1.2)	4 (4.8)	20 (24.1)	24 (28.9)	27 (32.5)	7 (8.4)
surprise	Come, be surprised, ye people.	8 (9.6)	6 (7.2)	13 (15.7)	22 (26.5)	30 (36.1)	4 (4.8)
second coming	One day He will appear.	4 (4.8)	3 (3.6)	14 (16.9)	24 (28.9)	34 (41.0)	4 (4.8)
the world upside down	Mary's hymn/ Magnificat.	9 (10.8)	6 (7.2)	18 (21.7)	20 (24.1)	27 (32.5)	3 (3.6)

Lent themes		1	2	3	4	5	9
discipleship	To become like Jesus, who demonstrated it to us.	2 (2.6)	7 (9.1)	12 (15.6)	30 (39.0)	21 (27.3)	5 (6.5)
fear	He fought the fight in fear and tears.	7 (9.1)	13 (16.9)	19 (24.7)	19 (24.7)	15 (19.5)	4 (5.2)
trial	The Saviour consciously took that road. He does not give up his goal, does not stand aside.	1 (1.3)	1 (1.3)	11 (14.3)	30 (39.0)	29 (37.7)	5 (6.5)
suffering of the world	Till the end of the world Christ suffers in their desolation.	6 (7.8)	9 (11.7)	16 (20.8)	22 (28.6)	20 (26.0)	4 (5.2)
compassion	Have mercy on us.	1 (1.3)	11 (14.3)	14 (18.2)	25 (32.5)	22 (28.6)	4 (5.2)
desolation	No light has remained, no God is visible.	28 (36.4)	16 (20.8)	16 (20.8)	9 (11.7)	4 (5.2)	4 (5.2)
penance/ repentance	Here we are, Lord, a multitude that has departed from Thee, we who were careless and faithless	10 (13.0)	11 (14.3)	21 (27.3)	18 (23.4)	10 (13.0)	7 (9.1)
humiliation	O sacred head now wounded.	7 (9.1)	7 (9.1)	16 (20.8)	26 (33.8)	17 (22.1)	4 (5.2)
sacrifice	He was willing to die for others.	1 (1.3)	2 (2.6)	10 (13.0)	26 (33.8)	34 (44.2)	4 (5.2)
death	Let me not go alone, not alone into death.	5 (6.5)	9 (11.7)	18 (23.4)	27 (35.1)	14 (18.2)	4 (5.2)
liberation	He comes to rescue us, righteous, meek.	0 (0)	5 (6.5)	10 (13.0)	13 (16.9)	4 (5.2)	45 (58.4)
(High percentage <i>missing</i> because of error in the questionnaire)							
atonement	He redeems me from the curse, and his death saves me.	4 (5.2)	8 (10.4)	21 (27.3)	26 (33.8)	14 (18.2)	4 (5.2)
kingdom of peace	Your king rides in, the kingdom begins.	7 (9.1)	20 (26.0)	21 (27.3)	14 (18.2)	11 (14.3)	4 (5.2)
dying to rise again	That we rise from the dead in order to live.	8 (10.4)	11 (14.3)	19 (24.7)	19 (24.7)	16 (20.8)	4 (5.2)

Opinions on preaching	1	2	3	4	5	9
To me, the sermon is the most important element of a worship service.	4 (2.0)	17 (8.5)	40 (19.9)	70 (34.8)	64 (31.8)	6 (3.0)
I go to church particularly to hear the sermon.	16 (8.0)	16 (8.0)	64 (31.8)	50 (24.9)	49 (24.4)	6 (3.0)
A service without a sermon is also all right.	89 (44.3)	46 (22.9)	30 (14.9)	21 (10.4)	9 (4.5)	6 (3.0)
There are better ways than a sermon to communicate the message of the Gospel during the service.	63 (31.3)	56 (27.9)	59 (29.4)	14 (7.0)	3 (1.5)	6 (3.0)
A sermon invites me to encounter God. <i>(fact)</i>	4 (2.0)	16 (8.0)	53 (26.4)	64 (31.8)	56 (27.9)	8 (4.0)
I hear a message of God in the words of a sermon. <i>(fact)</i>	0 (0)	11 (5.5)	57 (28.4)	60 (29.9)	65 (32.3)	8 (4.0)
Main focus of the sermon is on the here and now. <i>(fact)</i>	6 (3.0)	37 (18.4)	89 (44.3)	40 (19.9)	20 (10.0)	9 (4.5)
Through a sermon God speaks to me. <i>(fact)</i>	6 (3.0)	23 (11.4)	65 (32.3)	46 (22.9)	52 (25.9)	9 (4.5)
My life story is connected to the story of God in a sermon. <i>(fact)</i>	7 (3.5)	29 (14.4)	77 (38.3)	49 (24.4)	31 (15.4)	8 (4.0)
A sermon invites me to encounter God. <i>(wish)</i>	2 (1.0)	3 (1.5)	11 (5.5)	51 (25.4)	125 (62.2)	9 (4.5)
I hear a message of God in the words of a sermon. <i>(wish)</i>	0 (0)	1 (0.5)	10 (5.0)	52 (25.9)	128 (63.7)	10 (5.0)
Main focus of the sermon is on the here and now. <i>(wish)</i>	4 (2.0)	20 (10.0)	48 (23.9)	62 (30.8)	56 (27.9)	11 (5.5)
Through a sermon God speaks to me. <i>(wish)</i>	3 (1.5)	2 (1.0)	23 (11.4)	51 (25.4)	111 (55.2)	11 (5.5)
My life story is connected to the story of God in a sermon. <i>(wish)</i>	2 (1.0)	7 (3.5)	32 (15.9)	57 (28.4)	92 (45.8)	11 (5.5)

Object relation with preacher	1	2	3	4	5	9
I have often heard this preacher.	6 (3.0)	10 (5.0)	5 (2.5)	25 (12.4)	152 (75.6)	3 (1.5)
I personally contacted this preacher.	1 (25)	15 (7.5)	19 (9.5)	38 (18.9)	97 (48.3)	7 (3.5)
This preacher guided me well during difficult circumstances. (n/a 117 (58.2))	6 (3.0)	6 (3.0)	14 (7.0)	17 (8.5)	37 (18.4)	4 (2.0)
Around me I hear negative voices about this preacher.	124 (61.7)	42 (20.9)	18 (9.0)	6 (3.0)	5 (2.5)	6 (3.0)
I like attending church where this preacher preaches.	1 (0.5)	5 (2.5)	20 (10.0)	50 (24.9)	122 (60.7)	3 (1.5)
In my opinion this preacher is incredible.	182 (90.5)	8 (4.0)	1 (0.5)	2 (1.0)	3 (1.5)	5 (2.5)
I trust this preacher.	0 (0)	1 (0.5)	11 (5.5)	55 (27.4)	131 (65.2)	3 (1.5)
I get annoyed about this preacher regularly.	156 (77.6)	31 (15.4)	6 (3.0)	2 (1.0)	1 (0.5)	5 (2.5)
This preacher's style of preaching is appealing to me.	3 (1.5)	9 (4.5)	29 (14.4)	73 (36.3)	84 (41.8)	3 (1.5)
I like this preacher.	2 (1.0)	3 (1.5)	30 (14.9)	53 (26.4)	110 (54.7)	3 (1.5)
This preacher gives me room to think for myself.	1 (0.5)	5 (2.5)	31 (15.4)	60 (29.9)	100 (49.8)	4 (2.0)

Local theology	1	2	3	4	5	9
<i>Characteristic of our congregation is that we are...</i>						
oriented towards the relationship with God.	0 (0.0)	12 (6.0)	48 (23.9)	59 (29.4)	76 (37.8)	6 (3.0)
oriented towards a life spreading God's love.	0 (0.0)	9 (4.5)	43 (21.4)	72 (35.8)	70 (34.8)	7 (3.5)
oriented towards the charismata.	6 (3.0)	44 (21.9)	72 (35.8)	40 (19.9)	33 (16.4)	6 (3.0)
oriented towards standing up for other people.	0 (0.0)	13 (6.5)	65 (32.3)	77 (38.3)	40 (19.9)	6 (3.0)
oriented towards the Word of God.	0 (0.0)	6 (3.0)	46 (22.9)	68 (33.8)	75 (37.3)	6 (3.0)
oriented towards God's presence in daily life.	0 (0.0)	5 (2.5)	37 (18.4)	86 (42.8)	67 (33.3)	6 (3.0)

Religious salience	1	2	3	4	5	9
My faith is important to me.	0 (0.0)	1 (0.5)	11 (5.5)	61 (30.3)	124 (61.7)	4 (2.0)
If I have to make important decisions, my faith plays a major part in it.	0 (0.0)	6 (3.0)	36 (17.9)	79 (39.3)	76 (37.8)	4 (2.0)
Without my faith I could not live.	5 (2.5)	15 (7.5)	23 (11.4)	61 (30.3)	93 (46.3)	4 (2.0)
My religious conviction has much influence on my daily life.	0 (0.0)	11 (5.5)	42 (20.9)	76 (37.8)	67 (33.3)	5 (2.5)
Religious socialisation						
I was brought up in a religious family.	6 (3.0)	2 (1.0)	6 (3.0)	37 (18.4)	146 (72.6)	4 (2.0)