

One-Page Preparation Worksheet

Under the Word · Print one per session

Print one per session. If it does not fit on the page, the lesson is not finished.

TEXT _____ DATE _____ CLASS _____

Genre / immediate context (one line)

THE GOVERNING CLAIM

One sentence. A claim, not a topic. In the passage. One thing. Says itself out loud.

WHAT THE TEXT SHOWS

About God / Christ	
Law — what it demands or exposes	
Gospel — what God gives	
Who is addressed	

THE SORT

Explain (only what the class cannot follow the text without — 3 or 4 max)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Cross-references (two is usually plenty; write them out)

1. _____
2. _____

Confessional witness (creeds · Small Catechism · Augsburg Confession)

Deliberately omitted (name at least three — this is the job, not a failure)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

THE HOUR

Time	Section
0:00–	Opening:
–1:00	Landing + prayer

WEIGHT-BEARING WALL (the one section that cannot be cut)

If the hour is cut to 45 minutes, I will cut:

QUESTIONS

Each must send them back to the text. If a question could be answered without the passage open, rewrite it.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

If I use only one: _____

BOUNDARIES

Likely misunderstandings:

Questions I cannot answer — for the pastor:

If this becomes pastoral (abuse, self-harm, danger, crime, or a conscience in distress): stop the lesson, say the gospel, and route it.

Who I contact: _____

THE LANDING

Write the sentence in full. It is the one most likely to desert you.

AFTER CLASS — THREE LINES, SUNDAY AFTERNOON

What confused them:

What I could not answer:

What I would cut next time: