

FIVE WAYS PASTORS CAN USE CHATGPT

1. Sermon Research & Outlines

ChatGPT can help you gather Scripture cross-references, summarize commentaries, generate sermon outlines using your preferred structure (e.g., Introduction-Explanation-Application), and even provide creative illustrations or quotes.

✓ *Example Prompt:*

"Give me a 3-point sermon outline on Romans 12:2 using a compelling story, a quote from a church father, and a practical application for young families."

2. Email & Newsletter Writing

Need a clear, compassionate, or urgent message written quickly? ChatGPT can draft church-wide emails, monthly newsletters, or pastoral notes in your voice.

✓ *Example Prompt:*

"Write a warm and encouraging email inviting our church to our upcoming baptism Sunday. Keep it short and hopeful."

3. Social Media Content Creation

You can generate caption ideas, Instagram reels scripts, quote posts, and even YouTube titles that grab attention and stay true to your biblical message.

✓ *Example Prompt:*

"Create 5 Instagram captions to promote a sermon series on overcoming anxiety, using a bold but pastoral tone."

4. Small Group Discussion Questions

After each sermon, you can generate a full set of icebreakers, Scripture-focused questions, and real-life application prompts for groups.

✓ *Example Prompt:*

"Based on a sermon about forgiveness from Matthew 18:21–35, give me 6 icebreakers, 10 discussion questions, and 3 next steps."

5. Leadership & Vision Planning

ChatGPT can help brainstorm staff meeting agendas, clarify vision statements, draft job descriptions, or plan ministry campaigns with strategic clarity.

✅ *Example Prompt:*

"Help me create a one-year discipleship growth plan for new believers at a suburban church of 800 people."