



# HOW TO PLAN 18-24 MONTHS SUNDAY MORNINGS

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## Get away to do sermon prep.

You're going on a planning retreat that's NOT a vacation.

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### List the dates

Make a one-page, two-column list of every Sunday and special midweek service your church celebrates.

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### Note what you know

Mark all annual events, noteworthy holidays, three-day weekends, and community events.

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### Set the calendar aside

We'll come back to this. It's time to outline what you'll say each week.

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### Go to 20,000 feet

Don't sweat the details. DO ask yourself a lot of questions. All you want at this step is a concept.

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### Frame your focus

Write down your theme, what it's about, and why you want to go there. What can be most fruitful for the next 18-24 months?

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### Build an arc

Take that focus and give it a sense of progression and flow.

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### Sleep on it.

Give all you've written at least a day to marinate then come back with fresh eyes and see if it still makes sense.

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### Link your lists

Marry your content with your calendar.

The goal is to give every week a talking point.

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### Write Executive Summaries

Write 1-3 sentences describing what each week is about and why YOU think it's important.

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### Share the Plan

Invite others as a part of the process. Whoever needs it and whoever can offer insights, let them take a look.

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### Don't forget the end game.

This is your roadmap for the next 18-24 months.

For more details visit: <https://ministryarchitects.com/how-to-do-18-24-months-of-sunday-morning-sermon-prep/>

THEN...

#### One Month Out

Plan the series.  
Review your notes.  
Meet with the creative team.

#### Eleven Days Away

Draft a quick outline for the Sunday after the upcoming Sunday. Share it with others. Finalize with feedback.

#### The Final Week

Eat the scroll.  
Connect the dots, then tinker, digest, trust, & deliver.