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Touchstones for Preaching Transcript of Basic Touchstone 1: The Sacramentality of the Word of God

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When we hear the word “Sacrament,” we immediately think of the seven principal liturgical rites
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between two parties —and facilitates conversation. In the homily, the homilist speaks on the assembly's behalf by naming its God-given gifts and as well as its brokenness. At the same time, the homilist speaks on God's behalf so that the assembly can identify God's continued blessings in their lives and to hear God's response to their brokenness with words of comfort, healing, and hope.

Now, spend a few moments reflecting on the questions at the bottom of the page.

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- How does the sacramental view of the Liturgy of the Word strike you?
- Can you describe an event in your own life in which you experienced the Word of God sacramentally?
- Does viewing the Word of God as sacramental, suggest any changes you need to make in the way you prepare your homilies and how you preach your homilies?