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## ABSTRACT

One of the outstanding problems contending with the art of effective Preaching in this contemporary times is the use of illustration. The job of making illustration work for Christian Preaching has not received an unflinching attention of African writers on Christian Preaching. Therefore the thrust of this research is to prove the significance of illustration in Christian Preaching.

The methodologies used for this work are analytical and comparative. The written works of specialists in Homiletics and Preaching past and present were examined, compared and analysed. In additions, local information was collected and analysed by the agents of questionnaire administered.

From the analysis, it is discovered in this research that (1) Language plays a significant role in the effectiveness of illustration. (2) Without illustration, comprehensible preaching is impossible. (3) Illustration works better when used relevantly in different units of sermon. (4) Foreign import of ideas and materials may hinders the effectiveness of illustration, so contextualization of foreign materials is highly recommended.

## 5.6 CONCLUSION

From the writings of authors of preaching, and data collected around Ogbomoso metropolis, it is established that illustration is significantly important in the business of preaching. However, its functionality depends on the