



“Sermon Search” Tutorial

In this document, we’ll walk step-by-step through the “Sermon Search”¹ feature of our Park Meadows Church archive, and how to use it efficiently for your personal Bible studies.

1. The first first step, after landing on our website’s homepage, is to hover your cursor over the ‘Sermon Search’ tab, and clicking the ‘Sermon Search’ button.



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Click here to be redirected to our “Sermon Search” webpage.

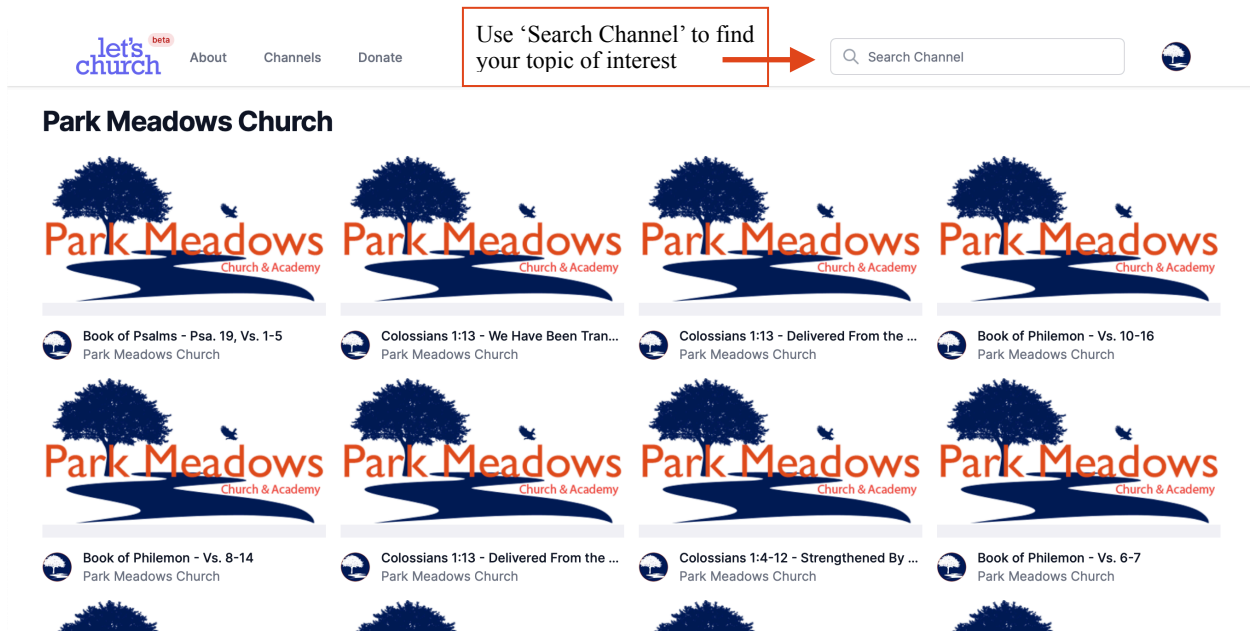
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How To Use Sermon Search

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¹ This feature is provided generously by a ministry called “[Let’s Church](#),” a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing free technology resources to Churches and Christian Ministries. Their flagship technology is the subject of this tutorial: sermon and media hosting with fully-searchable transcripts, 100% free of charge with no ads.

2. After clicking the ‘Sermon Search’ button, you’ll be redirected to [our homepage at lets.church](https://lets.church); once there, you’ll be able to see all of our most recently uploaded sermons and lessons. But more importantly, you’ll have the ability to use the ‘*Search Channel*’ feature at the top right, to easily find material on the specific topic you’re most interested in:



3. Two new features will appear upon typing your desired topic or keyword into the search tab: 1. You will see a ‘*Media*’ tab appear at the far left of the screen, and 2. a ‘*Transcripts*’ tab just to the right of that (more on this option in a moment).

This first ‘*Media*’ tab will show you every sermon or lesson in which the word you searched for appears *in* the title of the sermon (e.g. you search “justification,” and sermons that have that word in the *title* appear under the ‘*Media*’ tab).

The 'Media' tab shows all sermons with the key word *in* the title.

The key word is typed here

The screenshot shows the 'let's church' website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: 'About', 'Channels', and 'Donate'. A search bar contains the text 'justification'. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'Media' (with a count of 3) and 'Transcripts' (with a count of 136). To the right of the tabs are filters: 'Advanced', 'Channels' (with a count of 1), 'Sort', and 'Published Date'. The search results display three items, each with the 'Park Meadows Church & Academy' logo and a title:

- The Doctrine of Justification (11/09/2003)**
0 views · November 8, 2003
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- The Doctrine of Justification | Introduction (11/02/2003)**
0 views · November 1, 2003
Park Meadows Church
- Justification By & Through Jesus Christ (07/09/2000)**
0 views · July 8, 2000
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4. The next step begins to take this feature to the next level, with regard to the specificity of your search. When you click on the 'Transcripts' tab (see imagine below), it widens the range of your search considerably, by doing a couple of unique things (we'll cover one of them now, and then the next one in *Step 6*).

First, rather than simply showing you the sermons with the keyword in the title of the sermon, it actually shows you every sermon in which the keyword was *spoken* (e.g. there will be many times when the topic of interest wasn't the *main* topic of a particular sermon, but *was* discussed — on these occasions, the 'Transcripts' tab is ideal for combing through, and finding every occasion in which the keyword was used in a sermon.

The 'Transcripts' tab shows all sermons where the keyword was *spoken*.

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Media 3 Transcripts 136

Advanced Channels 1 Sort Published Date

Book of Romans - Ch. 2, Vs. 25-Ch. 3, Vs. 20 (08/08/1999) | NOTE: Afternoon Service
0 views - August 7, 1999
Park Meadows Church
29:50 **Justification.** Let's understand this word and then we'll go home. What is **justification**?

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11-22-2020
0 views - March 21, 1980
Park Meadows Church
26:14 We have to understand this or we'll never understand justification. Because righteousness.

SHOW 2 MORE

Book of 1 Peter - Ch. 1, Vs. 1-11 (09/15/2002)
0 views - September 14, 2002
Park Meadows Church
18:14 Now, we had justification. Let me go back.

When the cursor hovers over the text, the software *highlights* the keyword in yellow. Here, you can see an excerpt from the actual transcript of this sermon, where the keyword was used.

5. Whether you decide to click on a sermon under the 'Media' tab or the 'Transcripts' tab, here is what the landing page of a specific sermon recording looks like:

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justification

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00:01 We've been talking about the wonderful things that Jesus Christ's death on the cross
00:08 Accomplished and last time we began to discuss the topic of justification
00:15 So we'll continue that theme this morning. Let's have a word of prayer again father
00:20 We thank you so much for each person here today We thank you for your great love which comes to us from eternity
00:30 To eternity we thank you that you had us in your heart That we belong to you from that time from always
00:40 Thank you that you have given us a Birth from above and Lord as you
00:49 Brought us into light. You gave us the ability to hear your words and to understand your words and to see
00:56 Jesus Christ by faith. We thank you for all these things father, we thank you that Because of the

The sermon will *automatically* start playing, but playback can be controlled here.

With the cursor over the 'Download' button, you'll be given the option to download the MP3 file to your computer, as well as the full transcript — *it's recommended that you select the 'txt' file option.*

The entire transcript is also visible here, and will "scroll" along while the audio file plays.

6. Now let's revisit the 'Transcripts' tab for a moment: Let's say you're not worried about your specific keyword showing up in a sermon title — i.e. you're searching for something a little more obscure, and you want to find all the times it was used in a sermon. You would type your keyword in the 'Search Channel' bar, press 'Enter,' and immediately go to the 'Transcripts' tab.

From there, just like in our last example, you will see your keyword(s) highlighted in yellow when hovering over the text:

The screenshot shows the 'let's church' website interface. At the top, there is a search bar containing the text 'abraham's bosom'. Below the search bar, the 'Transcripts' tab is selected, showing 26 results. Three transcripts are visible, each with a preview of the audio content where the keyword 'Abraham's bosom' is highlighted in yellow.

Transcript Title	Date	Preview Text
Book of 1 Corinthians - Ch. 15, Vs. 1-30	02/18/2001	30:02 Saints were in paradise Abraham's bosom wherever that is Then when he
Book of 1 Peter - Ch. 3, Vs. 19-Ch. 4, Vs. 13	10/21/2001	06:41 Yeah Well, we say paradise or in Abraham's bosom or whatever you want to call it.
Book of Luke - Ch. 16, Vs. 19-31	03/14/2004	06:50 Lazarus died and was carried by angels into Abraham's bosom. Russell, what does that signify?

But this time, notice one additional feature that is incredibly helpful. Once you scan the various excerpts as seen in the above example (you can also see in the top left that there are 26 total transcripts that have the keyword[s] in search) and choose which one you'd like to view in full, you can click on that sermon and the software will take you *directly* to the timestamp of the audio file, so that you don't have to listen to the whole audio in order to get to the spot you're most interested in hearing:

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Search: abraham's bosom

14:21 In fact, they were in Abraham's bosom in a safe place, alive. And they were never forgotten.

14:30 And all of their sins were rolled onto the body of Jesus. And he died for them too. And us, looking forward in time.

14:37 So the father is not bound by time, is he? Verse 21.

14:42 And having a high priest over the house of God, that's a reference to Jesus, our high priest, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

14:56 Now think about that. We're not supposed to doubt our salvation. Why? Not because, you know, it's a fact that we sin sometimes, isn't it?

15:06 But that's not where our assurance comes from. It doesn't come from a lack of sin. Our assurance comes from the blood and the body of Jesus Christ that he gave for us.

15:17 And the fact that the Bible says, even in the Old Testament Isaiah 53 that the father was satisfied

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At this point, you'll immediately hear the use of the keyword(s) of interest as they're used in the sermon, and then decide if this particular sermon will have what you're looking for. If so, you have the ability to scroll *up* in the transcript, and click on the text at the spot where the topic begins, in order to get the full context.