

Preaching the Bible Evangelistically

Biblical preaching is not simply a matter of building up the church by instructing believers. It is a ministry of proclaiming what God has done in Christ. The Gospel should be at the centre of all true preaching. Yet the idea of preaching evangelistically can be daunting. How should we approach preaching the Bible to mixed audiences? How should we seek to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a culture that rejects any notion of Scriptural authority? This session will build our confidence in preaching the Gospel from the Bible.

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I. Theological foundations for preaching

- A. What is preaching?

- B. Can preaching affect "non-Christians" in Europe today? Regaining our confidence.

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- D. What is the Gospel?

- E. Who are we preaching the Bible to?

II. Preaching to Christians or/and non-Christians

A. Preaching to "non-Christians" only.

B. Preaching to "mixed audiences", from the same sermon, every Sunday.

III. Rethinking how we preach the Bible evangelistically in Europe. Some ideas:

Suggested Readings:

Tim Keller, *Preaching: Communicating Faith in an Age of Skepticism*, 2015.

Tim Keller, "Preaching in a Secular Culture"
http://www.wtsbooks.com/common/pdf_links/Preaching.pdf

Tim Chester and Marcus Honeysett, *Gospel Centred Preaching*, 2014.

Dennis E. Johnson, *Him We Proclaim: Preaching Christ from All the Scriptures* (Chapter 2), 2007.

John Stott, *I Believe in Preaching*, 1982.

Aaron Menikoff, "Preach to the Non-Christian, Christian and Church Member"
<https://www.9marks.org/article/preach-non-christian-christian-and-church-member/>