

The Pastor's Bible

The Bible is God's instrument of change, transformation, and, above all, a revelation of His heart. We should expect that whenever the Bible is opened and faithfully taught, lives will be changed and transformed. This session will consider the importance of the Bible in the life of every disciple and the local church. How should the teacher/preacher approach the Bible in order to see transformation in their own life as well as in the lives of those who hear?

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I. What I want you to hear today

II. Delighting in God's Word

a. God is a Lover

b. God is a (Good) Communicator

"God speaks... God's use of words is intentional; they are meant to have an impact..."¹

c. The Father Communicates about the Son, the Son Communicates about the Father

"This is my beloved Son – listen to him!" (Mark 9:7)

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father..." (John 14:9)

d. Read the Word

*"Ezra had set his _____ to study the Law of the Lord, and to _____ it and to _____ his statutes and rules in Israel."
(Ezra 7:10)*

e. Preach the Word

¹ Mark Thompson, *A Clear and Present Word*, p65.

f. Let the Word do its Work

g. The Bible is not a Manual

“It is the traveler’s map...a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure”²

III. What if God’s Word is *not* my delight?

IV. Group Discussion

1. What did you hear?

2. What does it mean?

Suggested Readings:

Adam, Peter. *Written for Us*.

Mead, Peter. *Little Him Book and Lost in Wonder*.

Ortlund, Dane. *Deeper and Gentle and Lowly*.

Thompson, Mark. *A Clear and Present Word*.

² Dane Ortlund, *Deeper*. p144.