

An Introduction to Biblical Preaching

Before we start to think about how to prepare a message to preach, we have to be clear what we mean by preaching. In this session, Andy will introduce us to the foundational biblical and theological building blocks of a preaching and Bible teaching ministry. Once we are all on the same page, then we can launch into the process!

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I. A High View of Scripture

- A. God has spoken
- B. God's self-revelation
- C. The power of God's Word
- D. The images of Scripture
- E. The attributes of Scripture
- F. God speaks through what He has spoken
- G. The nature of Scripture beckons us to teach/preach

II. A High Calling

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly** handling the word of truth”.

2 Timothy 2:15

- A. An unequivocal call
 - 1. In the Old Testament
 - 2. In the New Testament
- B. God calls forth the Church through the proclamation of His Word
 - 1. The logic of Romans 10:13-17

2. The experience of the Apostles
3. The evidence in the early church

C. God grows the Church through the proclamation of His Word

1. The logic of 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
2. The experience of the Apostles
3. The evidence in the early church

D. The message and the necessity of Scripture call us to preach/teach

Suggested Readings:

Kevin DeYoung, *Taking God at His Word: Why the Bible is Worth Knowing, Trusting and Loving*. Nottingham: Inter-Varsity Press, 2014.

John Stott, *I believe in Preaching*. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1982.