

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. People suppress the truth in their wickedness –
it is primarily a heart issue not a head issue**

II. Preach to the heart

III. Preach Jesus

IV. Preach in the real world

V. Preach with patience

VI. Preach for a response

VII. Preach with divine power

Suggested Readings:

Tim Chester and Marcus Honeysett, *Gospel-Centred Preaching* (The Good Book Co., 2014)