

## Preaching for a Verdict

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. Is preaching important?**
  
- II. Why is preaching in low water today?**
  
- III. What are the pathways to effective preaching?**
  
- IV. What attracts people to Jesus?**
  
- V. How can we prepare for an evangelistic address?**

**VI. How can we prepare the address itself?**

A. Start where they are.

B. Shape your material.

C. Be Christ centered.

D. Bathe it in prayer.

E. Leave time to conclude.

**VII. How can we finish off an evangelistic address?**

**VIII. How can we gather the fruit?**

**IX. Remember – Gods is the evangelist!**