

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. 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.