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LESSON 66: PREACHING

I. Preaching

A. What is preaching?

The urgent and authoritative heralding of truth from Scripture in the power of the Holy Spirit, for the purpose of glorifying God, edifying the church, and imploring the lost.

- *What is the difference between preaching vs. teaching* (Luke 20:1; Acts 5:42, 15:35; 1 Timothy 5:17)
- *What is the difference between preaching vs. prophesying?* (1 Corinthians 14:24-25; Acts 11:28)

B. Who should preach? (1 Timothy 2:11-3:7; 2 Timothy 2:24; James 3:1; Hebrews 13:17)

C. What are types of preaching?

1. Topical Sermons
2. Biographical Sermons
3. Expository Sermons (Nehemiah 8:1-8)

D. Why do we preach?

1. To obey God. (2 Timothy 4:1-5)
2. To explain the Scriptures. (Acts 17:1-3)
3. To edify the church. (1 Corinthians 14:26; Ephesians 4:11-16)
4. To exhort the church. (Acts 2:40; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 2:12, 3:2, 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Titus 2:15)
5. To rebuke the sinful. (Titus 1:9, 2:15)
6. To convert the lost. (Acts 2:14-41; 2 Timothy 4:5)
7. To worship the Lord. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

II. Preaching and the Preacher

A. How should someone prepare to preach?

1. Pray. (Psalm 119:18; Mathew 16:17; 2 Corinthians 3:18)
2. Study. (Ezra 7:10)
3. Talk with others.
4. Be moved by the message. (Jeremiah 20:9)

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B. How should someone preach?

1. Preach in faith. (Isaiah 55:10-11)
2. Preach faithfully (Matthew 5:19)
3. Preach for a response (Acts 2:38-40)

- *How should audience affect the message?*
- *How do humor and illustrations serve the sermon?*
- *How much text should be covered in each sermon?*
- *How long should someone preach?*

C. What should a preacher do after a sermon?

1. Trust (Mark 4:26-29)
2. Reflect (Acts 18:24-26)
3. Apply (John 13:17)

III. Preaching and the People

A. How should someone prepare to hear preaching?

1. Read the text that will be preached on.
2. Pray for the preacher's preparation
3. Pray for yourself and others.

B. How should we receive a sermon?

1. Listen for yourself
 - a. To Understand – God, what does this mean? (Psalm 25:4-5)
 - b. To Affirm – God, is this true? (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
 - c. To Believe – God, help me love and believe Your Word! (Mark 9:24)
 - d. For Application – God, help me live this! (Romans 6:12-13, 12:1)
2. Listen for others
 - a. To encourage others (Hebrews 10:24-25)
 - b. To correct and protect others (Hebrews 3:13)