

Developing Future Preachers:

How to Cultivate a Culture of Preaching in your Local Church

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The Need to Develop Future Preachers.

The Command to Develop Future Preachers.

The Ways to Develop Future Preachers.

Faithful Preaching and the Power of the Spirit

The Accuracy of the Sermon

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Introduction:

- A. What happened to the Holy Spirit?

- B. What steps can we take to increase our dependence upon Him and His power?

“Whatever keeps me from the Bible is my enemy, however harmless it may appear to be. Whatever engages my attention when I should be meditating on God and things eternal does injury to my soul. Let the cares of life crowd out the Scriptures from my mind and I have suffered loss where I can least afford it. Let me accept anything else instead of the Scriptures and I have been cheated and robbed to my eternal confusion.”

The Preacher Too!

A Time for Confession!

Question: How do we become more aware of the Spirit’s ministries to believers, especially to us preachers and teachers of the Word?

The Upper Room Discourse on the Spirit (John 14-16)

1. This other Advocate has been given to Jesus-followers at the Son’s request of the Father (14:16).

2. He is called “another advocate” (14:16).

Question: The Holy Spirit is an advocate like the Lord Jesus. How did the Lord Jesus “come alongside of” His disciples?

3. He is called “the Spirit of truth” (14:17).

Question: Are we thankful for the gift of the Holy Spirit and do we really want the truth?

4. He is given to the believer “to help” him (14:16).

Question: What’s involved in asking the Spirit of God to “help” us in our studies and in our pulpits? How can we tell if we are relying only on ourselves and our skills?

5. This Spirit lives with us and will be in us and we know Him (14:17).

Question: Do we recognize the personality of the Spirit (for example, He can be grieved) and are we seeking to cultivate a daily walk with Him?

6. This Advocate, sent by the Father in the name of Jesus, will teach us “all things” and will remind us of all that Christ said to His disciples (14:26).

Hebrews 4:12 says, “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

Question: Is His teaching ministry apart from Scripture or through Scripture?

7. This Advocate, sent by Jesus from the Father, is again called “the Spirit of truth” (15:26).

8. There is a process in the Father’s work being done in the world (16:7)

Question: Does the following chart make sense of God's work in the world?



9. And how is He active? He has something to prove! (16:8-11)

Question: How does He bring about that conviction Is His proving ministry primarily through visions and dreams and direct experiences to people? Or it primarily through the faithful and accurate preaching of the Word?

10. We are the continuation of the ministry of the Lord Jesus! (Jn. 17:11, 18).

Question: What difference would it make if we saw our preaching as the continuation of the work of the Father and the Son as the Spirit guides us and leads us?

Some Conclusions about the Spirit and Accurate Preaching:

1. If I open myself up to the ministries of the Spirit in my own life, I will be prepared to be used by Him in proclaiming God's truth to others.
2. The Holy Spirit may give me insight into a passage of Scripture, but His primary role is to open my heart to receive what God's Word is saying.
3. Not all passages are equally understandable. My dogmatism should, at times, be measured and modified IF other legitimate interpretations are possible.

Preaching to Change Lives

Moving from Information to Transformation

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The *Need* for Effective Teaching and Transformation.

The *Scriptural Support* for Effective Teaching and Transformation.

The *Methods* for Effective Teaching and Transformation.

Faithful Preaching and the Power of the Spirit

The Delivery of the Sermon

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Introduction:

“Surely it must be a sin to bore God’s people with God’s Word.” (Daryl Busby)

Several obstacles to a God-anointed delivery of a sermon:

1. The capacity to bore people
2. An ability to distract people from what the biblical text actually says
3. Hypocritical lives
4. A funeral-sounding voice
5. Failure to present God’s truth logically

Question: What are some distractions that you have seen — or practiced — which have hurt the delivery of God’s Word?

Three Assumptions:

1. God has decided to use fallible, frail, and finite human agents to communicate His Word!
2. Preaching is different now than in biblical times.
3. We as imperfect communicators of His truth can grow in our skills of preaching His Word!

Question: What are some other assumptions we make about a Spirit-empowered delivery of a sermon?

Four Essentials of Spirit-Empowered Delivery:

1. A sense of inadequacy!

Question: Where do you feel most inadequate in preaching God’s Word? What steps can you take to keep that inadequacy from crippling you?

2. An experience of personal conviction!

Question: Would it be useful as we prepare sermons to keep notes on those truths that are bringing conviction to our hearts? Why or why not?

3. A passion that God be heard!

Question: What steps can we take to maximize the possibility that God is heard in our preaching?

4. A commitment to excellence!

A. An excellence of expectation

B. An excellence of discipline

C. An excellence of challenge

*“Let us rejoice with one another that in a world where there are a great many good and happy things for me to do, God has given us the best and happiest, and made us preachers of His Truth.”
(Phillips Brooks)*