

Why Preaching?

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. (2 Timothy 2:1-4)

INTRO

About a year ago I had two experiences that really rocked me. 1. A podcast I heard 2. A convo with a dear friend... Summary of the podcast / sermon was this: he said that it was only in recent church history that a pulpit was central to Sunday morning worship. The pulpit / preaching Should not be central! Summary of my convo: Sunday morning can't be about a 50 minute min message and the gifts of one man!

If you grew up in the church, what was your experience like - Sunday morning experience?

Why Preach? (what we don't mean)

1. Preaching is something we do before we worship God!
2. Preachers (Preaching gifts) should be central to worship.
3. Preaching is only gospel proclamation or only scriptural education

What we ARE saying (what you can expect)

1. Preaching is worship: The act itself is displaying the value and worth of Jesus through word - Whatever you do in word and deed, do to the glory of God!
2. Preaching is both proclamation and praise: When God is both proclaimed and praised, he is worshipped! To merely praise without proclamation can lead to emotionalism. To proclaim without praise lends itself to being educational and informational. We desire to be a worshipful church that has both praise and proclamation around the person and work of Jesus!
3. Preaching is both gospel exalting and biblical exposing! These two live in healthy tension! The gospel reminds us that we are free, that our righteousness is not how well we are performing. The scriptures teach us about the God we worship. We learn how to live as free, righteous people!

Prayer

Brothers who are beloved by God, we know that He has chosen you, 5because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power, in the Holy Spirit, and with great conviction—just as you know we lived among you for your sake. (1 Thes 1: 4)