

## **Exalt Christ with Life-Changing Preaching**

2 Timothy 4:1-2

Introduction

- 1. Respond to Christ's Call for Life-Changing Preaching (1)**
  - a. Realize the Seriousness of Christ's Call**
  - b. Understand your accountability before God and Christ**
  - c. Respond in light of eternity**
  
- 2. Make Sure Christ Is the Focus of Life-Changing Preaching (2a-b)**
  - a. Preach Christ**
  
  - b. Always Preach Christ**
  
- 3. Call People to Respond to Christ in Life-Changing Preaching (2c-e)**
  - a. Preach Christ for Changed Lives**
  
  - b. Reprove (Expose)**

**c. Rebuke (Stop)**

**d. Exhort**

**e. Notice the connection to 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

Example: Jonah

- Good questions:
  - What is happening?
  - What does it say about God?
  - What does it say about man?
  - What does it say about Christ?
  
- What happens if you stop there?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Push to the ultimate question: How does Christ want you to respond?

**4. Help People Respond to Christ in Life-Changing Preaching (2f)**

**a. Preach with Patience**

**b. Preach with Instruction**

- c. **Devote Time to Carefully Crafting Your Sermon for Life-Change**
  - i. **Labor diligently to understand what the passage means AND what it is trying to do.**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - ii. **Labor diligently to present the truth in ways your people can understand and apply.**

Christ's example: The Sermon on the Mount

Conclusion