

# INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

*“Acts 17:11” and “2 Timothy 2:15”*

## **CLASS #9 — HOMILETICS; Preaching and Teaching the Bible**

**HOMILETICS: the science (principles) and art (task) by which the meaning and relevance of the Biblical Text are communicated in a preaching and/or teaching situation. The word “homiletics” comes from the Greek word “homily,” which basically means “a sermon.”**

**Every Christian is Called to Preach and Teach the Word of God in some capacity.**

### **1. We are all commissioned to make disciples and teach them how to be a follower of Jesus.**

(Matt 28:18-20) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and **teach** [“**make disciples of**”] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Teaching them** to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

(John 8:31-32) Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “**If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.** And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

(Luke 9:23-24) Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him **deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.** For whoever desires to **save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake** will save it.

(Phil 3:10) **that I may know Him** and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

(Col 1:27-29) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: **Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man** in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

(1 Pet 2:2) ...as newborn babes, desire the pure **milk of the word, that you may grow** thereby...

(2 Pet 3:18) **but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.** To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

### **2. One generation is to teach the Word to the following generations.**

(Deut 4:9-10) Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: **but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;** Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and **that they may teach their children.**

(Ps 145:4) **One generation shall praise thy works to another,** and shall declare thy mighty acts.

### **3. Parents are to teach their children.**

(Deut 6:6-9) And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

(Eph 6:4) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

(Prov 22:6) Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

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## 4. The older women are to teach the younger women.

(Titus 2:3-5) The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

## 5. Men and women in the church are able to instruct others in a one-on-one setting.

(Acts 18:24-26) And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when **Aquila and Priscilla** had heard, **they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.**

(Rom 15:14) I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and **able to instruct one another.**

## 6. Some men and women may be called to teach children or youth.

(2 Tim 1:5) When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in **thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice**; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

(2 Tim 3:15) And that **from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures**, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

## 7. Some men in the Body are raised up and called to be Pastor-Teachers and Elders who will teach and instruct the Body of Christ and equip them for the work of the ministry.

(Eph 4:11-12) And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some **pastors and teachers**, for the **equipping of the saints** for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

(1 Tim 5:17) Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, **especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.**

**Teaching the Word brings a new degree of accountability before the Lord, and we must take it very seriously.** We need to have a humble attitude before God and His people and be aware of the possibility of our misrepresenting Him and stumbling others.

(Jam 3:1) My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that **we shall receive a stricter judgment.**

(Jam 4:6) But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: **“God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”**

(Mark 9:42) "But whoever causes one of these **little ones who believe in Me to stumble**, it would be better for him if a **millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.**

Why do we, as believers and potential teachers, need to go through times of suffering and correction? God is producing perseverance, character, and hope, which leads to obedience in His children. In addition, God is also teaching us to encourage and understand what God's people are experiencing on a daily basis so that we may minister to them.

(2 Cor 1:4) who comforts us in all our tribulation, **that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble**, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

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**Every believer and teacher needs to cultivate their own personal walks with the Lord. Fruitful teaching is the outflow of the teacher’s fellowship with the living God. In other words, the teacher as well as the message must be prepared — the two go hand in hand.**

(1 Sam 15:23) For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. **Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."**

(1 Cor 11:23) **For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you**, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

(1 Cor 15:3-4) **For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received**, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

(Eph 4:30) And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

(Rev 2:1-7) Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; **I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience**, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. **Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love**. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

**The teacher must teach the Word, only the Word, and nothing but the Word!** The preacher or teacher is simply the spokesman for God, standing “in the gap” to say to God’s people and the world what God would want said. **The point is this: God has already preached His message in the Scriptures** — thus the preacher or teacher has been given the task to simply say again to his culture and his generation what God has already declared! Nothing else matters but a clear exposition of what God is actually saying in the inspired Text. Period!

(1 Pet 4:10-11) As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. **If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth**: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

## I. The Exhortation to Preach and Teach

(Acts 20:28) Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, **to feed the church of God**, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

(1 Cor 1:17) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to **preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect**.

(1 Cor 2:4) And my speech and **my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power...**

(2 Cor 4:5) For **we do not preach ourselves, but Christ** Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake.

(Col 1:28-29) **Him we preach, warning** every man and **teaching** every man **in all wisdom**, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving **according to His working which works in me** mightily.

(Heb 4:12) For **the word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of

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the heart.

(2 Tim 3:16-17) **All Scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God may be **complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work**.

(2 Tim 4:2-3) **Preach the word**; be instant in season, out of season; **reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine**. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap **to themselves teachers, having itching ears**;

## II. Finding Your Text: Topical vs. "Through the Bible"

One of the most difficult things to do is to figure out what text to teach on. The Bible is a big book, so to find your text can be daunting. In the New Testament, we do see times where there is the topical use of the Old Testament passages (ex. Romans 3, 4, etc. - Paul is using the O.T. verses to make his point in a topical way). However, though there is no right or wrong method to teaching in regards to topical verses going through book studies, there is safety in teaching verse by verse through a book of the Bible, and then doing through every book of the Bible (i.e. Through the Bible study).

### The Abuses of Topical Teaching

All pastors and teachers will say that they teach the Bible, however, very few actually teach THE Bible. There are very few that teach with an expositional approach. However, there are dangers in only teaching in a topical way rather than an expositional style of teaching.

One of the dangers with topical teaching is for the teacher to only teach on the things he/she enjoys (hobby horses). Sometimes it is so hard to find topics to talk about that the teacher ends up teaching what they like. It sure is easier to prepare too if it's something that interests you. Another danger is to avoid unpopular subjects. To talk about subjects like hell, judgment, abortion, homosexuality, etc., can be very uncomfortable and awkward. A lot of times, topical teaching can also rely too much on what the teacher wants to say rather than what God wants to say. Most of the Bible is about what God has done for us, whereas much of the preaching you hear today is about what man is supposed to be doing for God. It makes it man-centered rather than Christ-centered. Another danger is not teaching in the passage in context.

### Teaching Through Books of the Bible

Book by Book, Chapter by Chapter, Verse by Verse

(Isa 28:9-10, 13) Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. **For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:** ... But **the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little;** that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

(Neh 8:8 ) So **they read distinctly** from the book, in the Law of God; and **they gave the sense**, and **helped them to understand** the reading.

(Luke 24:27, 44-45) And **beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures** the things concerning himself. ... And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in **the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms**, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

(Acts 20:27) For I have not shunned to declare to you **the whole counsel of God**.

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**The preparation of the teacher is more important than the preparation for the teaching.**

W.H. Griffith Thomas: “Some men prepare their sermons; other men prepare themselves.” You want to make sure you are in fellowship with the Lord before you begin your preparation for the message. God is far more interested in the minister than He is the ministry. Intimacy precedes ministry!

You want to **pray** for wisdom and illumination to know the needs of the people you are teaching. Also, **share in what the Lord has been personally ministering to you.**

(Psa 119:18) Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.

(Jer 3:15) And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will **feed you with knowledge and understanding.**

## III. Developing the Text

Your message should be **a bullet, not buck-shot.** In your observation and interpretation, you want to discover what the author’s main message of the Text that he is communicating to his audience, and then apply that message to the people you are teaching.

### 1. Take the passage of Scripture you are teaching and outline the main sections.

First, make an overall outline of the entire book, identifying the different sections.

Second, if you are teaching a whole chapter, then make a basic overview outline of that whole chapter.

Third, if you are only teaching one verse, or section of verses, make a basic overall section of what the author is saying.

### 2. Chart the Text.

After you’ve outlined the major sections of the book or passage, then you will begin your inductive Bible study and chart the Text. You will make notes of your Observing, Interpreting, and Applying the Text. Once you have an understanding of what the author of that book or passage is saying, thus what God wants to say from His Word, then you can begin to organize it into a study or sermon.

### 3. Specify the purpose of the message and attempt to articulate the theme or overall teaching in one sentence or statement.

You want to be able to sum up that sermon or study with one sentence or thought. Maybe even give your message a title.

If you keep this one major thought in mind, it will help you to articulate it to the people. Spurgeon said, “A fog in the pulpit will be a mist in the pews.” In other words, if you don’t really have the idea of what you’re talking about, then the people will absolutely have no idea what you’re talking about!

### 4. Prepare the message or sermon from the Text.

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## IV. Preparing the Message From the Text

### Introduction, Body and Conclusion

**A. The Introduction:** The introduction is used to prepare the listener for the Biblical Text that you are seeking to teach. Your introduction needs to draw the hearers into the Biblical text. Ask yourself the question: "Why should anyone listen to this message?" State how those listening will benefit, grow, mature, be warned, and/or be challenged by the word being taught.

**B. The Body:** The body of the message is used to clearly guide the listener to the main points of the Biblical text. There can be one or many points all guiding the listeners to the main point. We need to give attention to **illuminate the text** through simple observation, interpretation, correlation and application. You want to bring out of the Text what God wants to say to His people.

**C. The Conclusion:** The conclusion is used to wrap up the points of the message, and to **lead the listener to a desired outcome from the text**. The desired outcome may be in the form of a call to personal holiness, growth, and maturity; a plea to stand on the promises of God; an encouragement in crushing times; or a challenge to be a contender for Biblical truth. Make sure somewhere in your conclusion that you give your listeners the Biblical resources to carry out the words demands.

**NOTE:** Don't just tell them "the What" but "the How" (Spiritual Resources).

(Zec 4:6) So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, **but by My Spirit,**' Says the LORD of hosts.

(Acts 20:32) "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to **the word of His grace, which is able to build you up** and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

(Phil 2:13) for **it is God who works in you** both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

(Col 1:29) To this end I also labor, **striving according to His working which works in me** mightily.

(Heb 13:20-21) **Now may the God of peace** who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **make you complete in every good work** to do His will, **working in you** what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

(2 Pet 3:18) **but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord** and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

(Rev 2:29) "**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says** to the churches."

## V. Practical tips on teaching through the Text

1. **Tell them what** you are going to tell them; **tell them what** you are telling them; then **tell them what** you have just told them.
2. Seek to **gain more and more clarity, not complexity**, as your message is being developed.
3. Make sure you let the Biblical text **speak to contemporary concerns**. Do NOT manipulate the Text.

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4. People need to **be reminded** as much as they need to be informed of new information.
5. **Ask rhetorical open-ended questions** that will guide your listeners into Biblical truths.
6. Experiment with **different variations of your notes** and outlines. Do not try to teach “noteless.”
7. Check a reliable **commentary only after** you have exhausted the text.
8. “SIMPLY TEACHING THE BIBLE SIMPLY”

## VI. Delivering the Message

1. **Begin with prayer** that the Lord would be magnified through your time in the Word.
2. Make sure others can simply follow your chain of thought. Remember, **a mist in the pulpit is a fog in the pew.**
3. You should be able to communicate what you want to say **in one sentence.**
4. Spend time **praying through the Text**, and **read through the Text multiple times.**
5. Spend time on, and think through, **transitions** in your message.
6. If you get lost, flustered, or confused, just **pause** and pray silently.
7. **Have confidence in the Word’s ability** to instruct.
8. **Use natural** eye contact and body posture and hand gestures.
9. Speak **the truth in love.**
10. **Make sure your voice** is loud enough to be heard, but not overbearing. You want to teach in a conversational tone.
11. Carefully **articulate and enunciate** your words.
12. When people are nervous, they usually **speak too fast.**
13. **Watch your time.**
14. **Relax and have fun**, because it’s not you, but God, through His grace, teaching through you.

W.H. Griffith Thomas: “Think yourself empty, read yourself full, write yourself clear, pray yourself clean, and then enter the pulpit and let yourself go.”

(1 Cor 2:1-5) And I, brethren, when I came to you, **came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom**, declaring unto you the testimony of God. **For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.** And I was with you **in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.** And **my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:** That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

(1 Cor 15:10) But **by the grace of God** I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, **yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**

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## THE PEOPLE GOD CALLS INTO MINISTRY

The calling into ministry is all by the grace of God. He's not looking for the wisest, noblest or mightiest but the foolish, weak, base, and despised. God is not looking for our ability, but our availability. He doesn't call the equipped, but He equips the called. God works through humility because He doesn't want to share His glory with a person who will take the credit that God deserves. That's why He resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

In these last days God desires to send all believers as His ambassadors into some part of His harvest field to testify of His love, grace and forgiveness of sins. Although it is true that not every believer has the gift of teaching, all true believers will at times be called upon to be His mouthpiece in their own personal sphere of ministry and influence. We are merely vessels in which He pours His "life" into, so that we can pour "His life" onto others.

(1 Cor 1:26-29) **For ye see your calling, brethren**, how that **not many** wise men after the flesh, **not many** mighty, **not many** noble, are called: **But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen**, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: **That no flesh should glory in his presence.**

There are many reasons why God shouldn't call you into ministry, but don't worry, you're in good company. There wasn't anyone in the Bible that did anything for God outside of His grace, mercy and long-suffering. Paul tells the secret of his success in the ministry:

(1 Cor 15:10) But **by the grace of God I am what I am**, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, **yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**

Let's also consider the Old and New Testament saints. Moses stuttered and then killed an Egyptian in a fit of rage; David was too young and small to ever fit into Saul's armor, and though God blessed him throughout his life, at about age 50 he became an adulterer and a murderer; John Mark was totally rejected by Paul; Rahab was a prostitute; Jacob was a liar and striver most of his long life; Solomon had a thousand wives and concubines and worshipped at the alters of their idols; Abraham and Moses were too old; Jeremiah was too young; the disciples whom Jesus called were poor, uneducated fishermen, tax collectors, domestic terrorists, and the like, who all rejected Him in the end (Peter specifically denied Jesus three times); James and John were called "the sons of thunder" because of their tempers, lack of love, and self control; Naomi was a widow; Paul was a murderer of the early church; Gideon and Thomas both had severe lapses of faith and doubt; Jeremiah and Paul got totally depressed and suicidal; Elijah was totally burned out and in despair; John the Baptist was a social outcast; Samson didn't care about his birthright and lived his life catering to his flesh; Noah got drunk; and Jonah did everything he could to run from God.

(Exod 4:10-12) And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, **I am not eloquent**, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but **I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.** And the LORD said unto him, **Who hath made man's mouth?** or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? **have not I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.**

(1 Sam 17:33, 42) And Saul said to David, "**You are not able** to go against this Philistine to fight with him; **for you are a youth**, and he a man of war from his youth. ... And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; **for he was only a youth**, ruddy and good-looking.

(Jer 1:6-8) Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, **I cannot speak: for I am a child.** But the LORD said unto me, **Say not, I am a child:** for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and **whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.**

(Heb 12:1) Therefore we also, **since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,



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God knew that each and everyone of his children had weaknesses and were going to fail at different points in their lives, but He used them mightily in spite of their flaws. In fact, it was their weakness that kept His servants humble and dependent on the Lord.

(2 Cor 12:7-10) And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, **lest I should be exalted above measure.** For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: **for when I am weak, then am I strong.**

Praise God that He's not requiring flashy resumes or graduate degrees from some esteemed university. Even the Apostles were not men of education.

(Acts 4:13) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that **they were unlearned and ignorant men**, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that **they had been with Jesus.**

(2 Cor 3:1-3) Do we begin again to commend ourselves? **or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?** Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

What then is God looking for in His people? Those that will not seek to glorify themselves, but those that just want to please the Lord and be faithful to His Word. .

(Rev 3:8) I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and **hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.**

What is the message that we preach and teach?

(John 8:31-32) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in **my word**, then are ye **my disciples** indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

(Acts 2:42) And they continued stedfastly in **the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

(Acts 6:4) But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to **the ministry of the word.**

(Eph 3:8) To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, **that I should preach** among the Gentiles **the unsearchable riches of Christ,**

(Col 1:28) **Him we preach**, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

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