

TEACHING & PREACHING GOD'S WORD



It is a privilege to teach and preach God's Word! However it is also a responsibility, as we are teaching or preaching on behalf of Jesus. We learn so much from listening to others.

Timothy learnt from the Apostle Paul, and Paul was able to say to him, "The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable men ..." However Paul also urged Timothy to be well prepared and to be a good workman who correctly handled God's Word.

This training session is aimed at helping you prepare God's Word so that you can teach others effectively. Let's begin by looking briefly at what the Bible says about teaching and preaching, and then we will focus on the art of preaching.

Matthew 9:35 "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, _____ in their synagogues, _____ the good news of the Kingdom."

Matthew 11:1 "After Jesus had finished instructing His twelve disciples, He went on from there to _____ and _____ in the towns of Galilee."

A. A COMMISSION TO TEACH & PREACH

1. Jesus was the greatest example

His Preaching

Luke 4:43 "I must _____"

Luke 4:18 "He has anointed me to _____"

His Teaching

He was known as 'the Teacher'

Matthew 7:28-29 "The crowds were amazed at his teaching because _____"

2. Disciples were commissioned

To Preach

Matthew 10:7 "As you go, _____"

Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and _____"

To Teach

Matthew 28:20 "Go and make disciples of all nations ... and _____"
After Jesus ascended the disciples did as Jesus had told them to.

Acts 5:42 "Day after day ... they never stopped _____"

3. We are commissioned

- ❖ We are all to share the good news and build others up
- ❖ Some are given gifts to teach and preach. Romans 12:6-7, Ephesians 4:11

B. THE LIFE OF THE TEACHER & PREACHER

1. Our life is the message

Jesus was 'the Word made flesh' John 1:14

We must live our message! Our whole life – the way we act, what we say, how we live all communicates a message.

2 Corinthians 3:2 "You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, _____"

1 Timothy 4:12-13 "Set an example for the believers in _____."

Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to _____ and to _____."

2. The message must continue to grow in us

2 Timothy 3:14 Paul's words to Timothy were apt!

"But as for you, _____."

Be diligent	2 Timothy 2:15
Be prepared	2 Timothy 4:2-5

"Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers." 1 Timothy 4:16

C. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TEACHING & PREACHING

Teaching and preaching have many similarities and they are often linked together, but there are also differences.

Teach = 'didasko' the most common word used in the New Testament meaning _____

What is the purpose of God's word in our lives according to 2 Timothy 3:15-17?

Preach = there are 2 main words used in the New Testament

(i.) 'Euaggelidzo' means _____

(ii.) 'Kerusso' means _____

What is the goal of preaching? See Mark 6:12 and Romans 10:14.

THE ART OF PREACHING



A. PURPOSE OF PREACHING

1. What is preaching?

Preaching is presenting God's Word to the whole man: _____

The one preaching must learn how to _____ God's message first!

1 Peter 4:11 "If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking _____."

2. What types of preaching are there?

There are many ways God's Word can be presented.

- (i) _____ Studying a passage or going through a book of the Bible
- (ii) _____ Teaching the doctrines of the faith
- (iii) _____ Teaching different topics from the Bible
- (iv) _____ Studying a Bible character
- (v) _____ Preaching from a Bible verse
- (vi) _____ Revealing God's heart for the present and future

B. PREPARATION FOR PREACHING

1. Prayer

'A man who would speak **for** God must learn **to** speak much to God.'

The first thing we need to know is: What does God want to _____ and _____ .

How can we know this?

2. Study

Begin to study the verse or passage the Lord has put in your heart. The anointing of the Holy Spirit does not mean we do not need to study! If we are going to preach well then we need to do our part.

(i) Two dangers

- ❖ Natural orator versus struggling orator
- ❖ Traditional approach versus Pentecostal approach

(ii) Methods of study

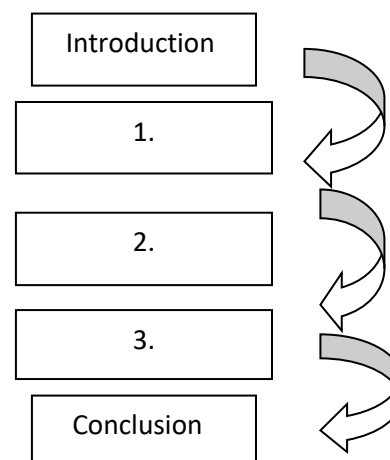
- a.) Using the Scriptures
- Study the verses in context
 - Look at parallel passages
 - See how words are used elsewhere
 - Take meaning literally unless clearly figurative
 - Interpret in harmony with rest of Scripture
- b.) Using other resources
- Commentaries
 - Dictionaries
 - Books

C. PLANNING FOR PREACHING

Before going any further, make sure you are clear about the _____ of your message. Now you are ready to plan your message. E.g. Building a house

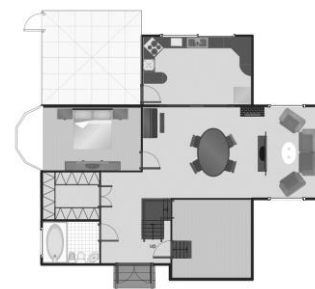
1. Why do you need a plan?(i) For your benefit(ii) For benefit of listeners**2. What does a plan need?**

- (i) Unity
- (ii) Order
- (iii) Movement



HOW DO YOU PLAN?

A good message should have: _____



1. INTRODUCTION

“We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:5

An introduction needs to: (i)
 (ii)
 (iii)

Some suggestions:

2. BODY

Most of your material will be in the body of the message. The body should be divided into points: 2-4 with a maximum of 7.

Each point should be: (i)
 (ii)
 (iii)
 (iv)
 (v)
 (vi)

What could be included: Elaborate on the point you are making by:

(i)
 (ii)
 (iii)
 (iv)
 (v)

3. ILLUSTRATIONS

Illustrations are like windows. As you prepare ask the Holy Spirit to give you good illustrations. Give some examples of illustrations:

4. CONCLUSION

You need to know where you are going: preaching has a purpose. You are preaching for a response to the Word of God, so plan your conclusion.

There are different ways to conclude: (i)
(ii)
(iii)

Planning a message is like:

a. Growing fruit

Plant _____
Grow _____
Prune _____
Fruit _____
Package fruit _____



b. Building a house

Front door _____
Inside _____
Rooms _____
Windows _____
Back door _____



Once you have prepared your message it is good to go through it, so you can speak freely without reading your notes.

D. PRESENTATION OF PREACHING

1. Physical Aspects

a.) Personal appearance

b.) Body

Posture
Eyes
Hands

c.) Voice

d.) Use of words

Some cautions:

Develop your own style. Each of us has different abilities and gifts, a unique personality, so we will present God's Word in slightly different ways. Learn from others, but don't try to just be like them. God uses WHO you are.

2. Spiritual Aspects

a.) You need the anointing of the Holy Spirit

What is the anointing?

How can I receive the anointing?

John 6:63 says, _____

b.) You need to have faith

We need to believe what we preach!

We need to believe that God will honour his Word.

Therefore:

"My word will not _____" Isaiah 55:11

Summary

It is a privilege to teach and preach God's Word, whether it is to a small group, or a crowd. You don't have to follow someone else's style, just be yourself! However always remember that you are preaching on behalf of Jesus. As you study the Word of God yourself, ask the Holy Spirit to show you His thoughts, and how He wants you to present the truth. When you preach ask Him to anoint you, so that the Lord works through you to speak to the listeners and bring change to their lives. The Holy Spirit is the only One who can do that! The amazing thing is – He can use us! "It's not by might or by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord."