

Expository Preaching

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"You have magnified Your word above all Your name." - Ps 138:2

What is expository preaching?

Why use it?

How to do it?

1. Discern...

using...

2. Derive sermon outline...

An outline...

Ecclesiastes 6:1-7:15—God's sovereignty applied: **evaluate your outward condition rightly**

I. Prosperity not a guaranteed blessing – 6:1-11

A. Outward prosperity doesn't guarantee blessing – 1-6

B. Contentment is great gain, not greed – 7-11

II. Adversity not an automatic curse – 6:12-7-15

A. What is good, then? – 6:12

B. Death answers what is good better than birth and joy – 7:1-4

C. Rebuke better than mirth - 5-7

D. Patient hope better than arrogant whining - 8-10

E. Wisdom is a defense – 11-12

F. Submit to God's providence, and respond wisely – 13-15

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Resources

Chapell, Bryan, "Christ-Centered Preaching." Baker, 1994.

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Lloyd-Jones, D. Martin, "Preaching and Preachers." Zondervan, 1971.

Robinson, Haddon, "Biblical Preaching." Baker, 1980.

Spurgeon, Charles, "Lectures to My Students." Christian Focus, 1998.

Stott, John, "Between Two Worlds." Eerdmans, 1982.

Expositing the Word in the home

The transition from pulpit to dinner table – (from Eph 4:11 to 5:26)

Consistent contact

The gatherer...

Engaging contact

On devotionals

Unite church and home!

Elders and fathers

Examples of head of household leading

Closing Scripture – Isaiah 55

Resources

Van Dyken, Donald, "Rediscovering Catechism." Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing, 2000.

Wolfe, Allen B. "Balancing the Sword." 2 volume fill-in blank workbook for Scripture content.

Discussion Questions

Expository Preaching in Church

1. Share what you have preached over the last year, and why.
2. How can you more intentionally preach the whole counsel of God?
3. What “hobby horses” are you tempted to ride in the pulpit?
4. Other...

Expositing the Word at home

1. How do you train heads of households to fulfill Eph 5:26 and Deut 6:5-9?
2. What hurdles in normal family life prevent fathers from maintaining consistent family worship?
3. What changes can you make in your weekly schedule to better unite church & home, to help bridge the gap between pulpit preaching & table teaching?
4. Other...