

What Matters?
“Preaching Matters”
Reference: **2 Timothy 3:1 – 4:4**
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Does God have something to say to us? The answer of course is YES!

I. God does have a message for us, PREACHING is that instrument.

Reference: **1 Corinthians 1:17-21**

A. God has chosen the instrument of preaching.

Reference: **Romans 1:15-16**

B. Paul was excited about getting to preach the gospel. Why?

Because the gospel is the power of God!

Reference: **Romans 10:1; 5:8-10; 10:9-10;**

C. Until a person knows they are a sinner, that Jesus Christ died for their sin, and that they must believe and put their faith in the death of Jesus Christ for their sin, they cannot be saved.

Reference: **Romans 10:13-14; 1 Corinthians 1:21**

II. That’s why preaching matters;

A. But, preaching is more than just sharing the gospel with those who are lost. God cares how we live. God cares about His glory. God cares about our sanctification. God cares that our lives are set apart for Him, honoring to Him, and reflecting a love and adoration of Him!

Reference: **2 Timothy 4:1-2**

B. Why?

Reference: **2 Timothy 3:1; Titus 1:15-16**

C. God has a message for us and it is still preaching that God has chosen to share that message.

Reference: **1 Corinthians 1:27; 2:4-5; 2:9**

III. What should we do?

A. Pray - pray for one another, for prepared hearts, for a clear mind, for something significant, for your preacher, for few distractions, for understanding, for the lost to be saved, for the saved to be changed, etc.

B. Make it important in your life.

1. We’ve deceived ourselves into thinking that when we choose to not go to church we’re just missing church.
2. It’s a lie! In the Old Testament when the prophets had a message from God, they would call everyone together, and they came.

- C. When God has a message for us, we ought to demonstrate that we believe God has a message for us by doing the same thing! Avail ourselves to the preached Word!
- D. We need to change our attitudes about what goes on in this room during the preaching. Do something with what God tells you. In other words, don’t just be hearers, but doers of the Word. Be obedient. Be surrendered.

CONCLUSION:

Instead of disappointing God with our casual attitudes about what He’s trying to say to us through preaching, I pray we’ll be a people who give preaching the place in our hearts it deserves to please God.

- Can you imagine what great things God could do through us if we began praying for His message each week?
- What might happen if hearing God became “the event” we planned our weekends around each week?
- How happy might God be if we determined in our hearts to do something with His message every time we encountered Him in it?

PREACHING MATTERS... BECAUSE GOD SAYS SO!