

Expository Preaching

2 Timothy 3:14-4:4

WGBC Core Value: Expository Preaching

The pulpit is the primary means by which the saints are equipped. We believe in the power of expository preaching! And what makes it expository preaching is not so much that it is preaching from the Bible as it is preaching the Bible itself. It is preaching that derives its content from the Scripture directly. It is an exposition of a text (drawing out what is there) rather than an imposition (making a text say what the speaker wants it to say). All Scripture is from God, All Scripture is profitable, The purpose of reading and studying the Scriptures is not merely to grasp the truth, but that the truth might grasp you.

1. Read the passage carefully. What stands out to you? Discuss together the main ideas in Paul's instruction for Timothy.
2. Consider verses 16-17 together. How have you experienced in your own lives what Paul says is true about Scripture?
3. Why do you think Paul stresses to Timothy the importance of the role of preaching? Why is it so critical? Consider what 3:1-9 and 4:3-4 have to say to help with your response.
4. What role has preaching played in your own lives? How important has it been to the development of your faith? The formation of your character?
5. How do you think this passage in 2 Timothy has contributed to our value of Expository Preaching?
6. Define Expository Preaching in your own words. If an unbelieving friend asked you what it meant, what would you say?