

Truth In A Shifting Culture

Session 3

1. Proclaiming God's Truth...

...Even if society said they do not want it.

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5

When God gives me life (gives me breath), I will continue to speak God's Word in any platform that God provides for me.

These were the final words to Timothy in this letter.

Preach The Word - Vs. 2

Why? We must proclaim the truth....

- a) Because of eternal realities, as Jesus is coming, and judgment will come. - vs. 1

Only God's Word would prepare someone for reality.

"I am a creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit, coming from God, and returning to God: just hovering over the great gulf; a few moments hence, I am no more seen; I drop into an unchangeable eternity! I want to know one thing — the way to heaven; how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way. He hath written it down in a book. Oh, give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it: here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be a man of one book. Here, then, I am, far from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone; only God is here. In His presence I open, I read His book; for this end — to find the way to heaven."

John Wesley

b. It Changes Their Life Now vs. 2

This is about transformation, and not just about giving information about God's Word. When we share God's Word, it is with the purpose of allowing someone to engage to move and experience God.

Going through the text to impact the heart.

Be prepared in season and out of season. We may not be seeing growth at times, but continue, as preaching the word of how people grow. So persevere!

c. Counter Ear Tickling Myths vs. 3-4

We counter by challenging them with truth

Reality: This won't be easy, as people's hearts continue to get harder and many may not tolerate sound teaching. But do this even when they seem like they don't want to hear it.

Everyone may not want it, but everyone truly needs it.

Definition to Myth: Man made substitute to God's Truth. Fictitious but sweet to listen to.

Myths:

- We can create and curate your own identity and story.
- Satisfaction is in things you can acquire
- If we just get the right leaders, we will be ok.

Myths receive traction as they speak to a legitimate desire.

The Desires: To have meaning, a confident identity, peace, and contentment

Reality: Biblical preaching does not dismiss those desires. Instead, preaching reveals truth path to have those legitimate desires fulfilled.

d. To Fulfill Our Ministry vs. 5

- Be Soberminded: Placing the required effort to prepare your own heart to respond to the truth and be ready to speak it. Are you ready to respond to the truth?
- Enduring Suffering: You will get push back. Expect it. You won't enjoy it but persevere. It's worth it.

“My dear brother, we must not mind a little suffering for Christ's sake.”

Charles Simeon

- Do the work of the Evangelist: Sharing the Gospel

Expository preaching with evangelism included causes the gospel to move in every sermon.

- Invitation: summons to believe and receive

Every day of the week.... Speaking and living the gospel

If you are the standard, would it be a good thing or a bad one when comes to your evangelism?