

Growing as a Preacher

Where are you?

This is God speaking _____ I'll teach the passage

Emphasis on practical obedience _____ Emphasis upon always Righteous

I strive for textual rigour _____ I want to give something practical

Declare the truth boldly _____ Persuade gently with truth

I'm currently Devoted to Jesus _____ I'm currently very worldly

Who gives you feedback?

Science

"To expound Scripture is to bring out of the text what is there and expose it to view." Stott Between Two Worlds p125

- Subject / purpose (FCF) / context /tone / Jesus

Art

- Purpose / illustration / application

"The Clergyman who ascend his pulpit every Sunday, and addresses his congregation as if he thought everyone was going to heaven is surely not doing his duty to God or man. His preaching is flatly contradictory to the parable of the sower." JC Ryle

Miracle

"We impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual." (1Cor 2:8)

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth?"

Some questions to guide our sermon feedback:

Q1. Did the sermon answer the big question which the text answers?

- Could you summarise the message in a sentence?
- Was there too much / too little text work shown? Were points asserted or demonstrated?
- In OT, did the preacher go to Christ too quickly or perfunctorily?

Q2. Did the application flow naturally from the text into real life? Was the connection obvious?

- Was the truth applied or was it unapplied and therefore sub-Biblical truth?
- Were the applications natural from the text or superficial and moralistic
- Did I personally feel the force of the application or was it merely interesting? What will I now do?

Q3. Was I engaged?

- Did the sermon hang together as a whole? Was it obvious how the points related?
- Did illustrations teach or merely lighten the mood?
- Was the tone appropriate - i.e. serious when required and delighted as appropriate?

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