

Expository Preaching: What is it?

Provide a clear definition of what expository preaching is, and what it is not.

MY OUTLINE

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BIBLE PASSAGE

Nehemiah 8:8 (NASB)

⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading.

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Expository Preaching: When Science & Art Collide

QUOTE

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- John Calvin: “Preaching is the public exposition of Scripture by the man sent from God, in which God himself is present in judgment and in grace.”
 - J.I. Packer: “A sermon is the proclamation of the Word of God only if the text of the Word is accurately expounded and preached. So, in the strictest sense of the term, authentic preaching is expository preaching.”
 - David Helm: “Expositional preaching is empowered preaching that rightfully submits the shape and emphasis of the sermon to the shape and emphasis of a biblical text.”

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- The expository preaching/teaching starts with you.
- Make sure the Holy Spirit is there at the beginning, the middle, and the end.

EXPOSITORY PREPARATION & PREACHING

My preferred method: Inductive Bible Study (Observation, Interpretation, and Application)

Key Parts of Expository Preaching

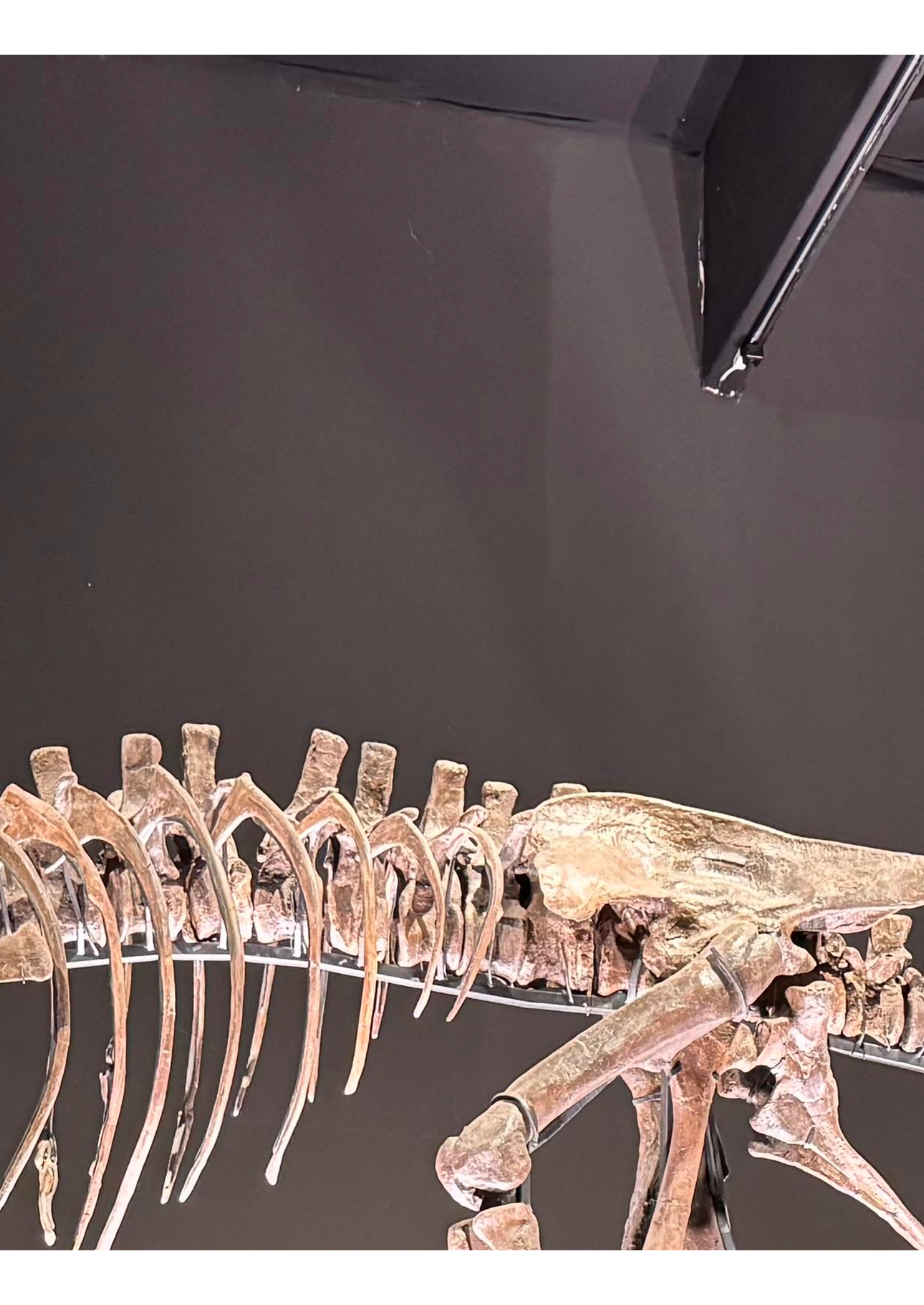
- **Driven by the Text:** The main idea of the message comes straight from the Bible verses used.
- **Careful Study (Exegesis):** The speaker looks at history, grammar, and context to understand the true meaning.
- **Clear Explanation:** The speaker makes hard ideas easy to understand.
- **Real-Life Use:** The message shows listeners how to change their daily lives based on what was read.

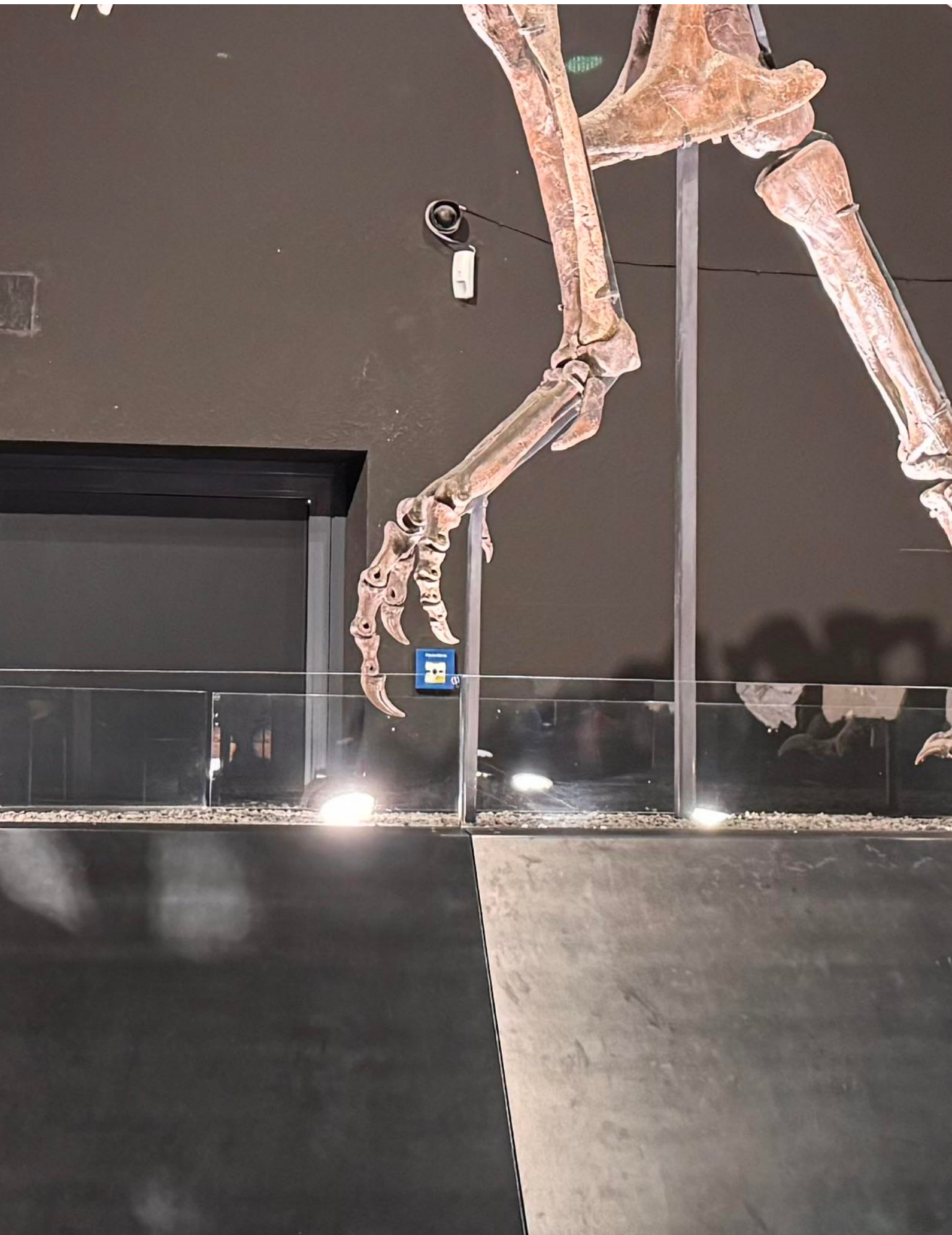
The work of the expositor cannot commence until the exegesis has come to it's conclusion.

The text still means the same thing it did in Ephesus or at Sinai. But this side explores different implications of the text for believers today. You are not preaching at Sinai. You are preaching in College Station, Bryan, Houston, or your neighborhood.

If the other side of the ladder is a science (exegesis), this side is an art (*presenting*).

- The Studying is just one part of the Expository Method, you have to have the Preaching/Presenting/Teaching
- **Jurassic Park illustration: Some dig up the bones and mosquitoes incased in amber (Yes, mosquitoes do bite alligators. Although alligators have thick, hard scales on most of their bodies, mosquitoes feed on their softer, thinner skin areas.), and some bring them to life.**
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- **The expositor's job/calling is to do both through the power of the Holy Spirit.**







Good exegesis

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Bad exposition

PREPARE THE MEAL

- **Or to use another illustration; It's the acquiring of ingredients, preparing the ingredients, and then presenting a complete meal.**

JOSHUA 1:8 NLT

"Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do."

Joshua 1:8 NLT

ILLUSTRATION

Ten Reasons John MacArthur is Committed to Expository Preaching

1. Expositional preaching submits the soul and the church to the authority of God and the headship of Christ.
2. Expositional Preaching works in concert with the Holy Spirit to produce sanctification in the life of the believer.
3. Expositional preaching produces humility and submission in the preacher and the congregation.
4. Expositional Preaching conforms the thinking of the believer to the mind of Christ.
5. Expositional Preaching prioritizes the glory of God and the majesty of Christ.
6. Expositional Preaching infuses the pulpit with power as the preacher conveys a divine message through the inspired Word.
7. Expositional Preaching transforms lives because it's the Word.
8. Expositional preaching protects the flock of God from false teaching and error.
9. Expositional preaching produces theologically deep, humble prayer that is focused on the things of God.
10. Expositional preaching teaches God's people how to truly love the Lord and obey the first great commandment, to love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, and mind.

2 Expository Preaching: What it is not

TOPICAL & TEXTUAL

Expository Preaching is not just going through a passage verse by verse.

It's not reading and rambling (free styling)

It's not sharing from the heart

It's not preaching about the Bible, it is preaching the Bible

You can't be lazy and prepare an Expository Sermon/Bible Lesson; it takes work.

There are no shortcuts

A soulless AI cannot produce or accomplish what a surrendered servant can through the hard work and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Topical: it has its place. Most unsound Preachers will teach topically because of the liberty it provides them from having to present all of Scripture.

Textual Sermon: more restrictive than a Topical, but less restrictive than the Expository. Practically it looks like: Divisions come from the text and the subdivisions, those you add, or make up. Skip H. has some good examples on the Nuts and Bolts Conference he did. Spurgeon was a great Textual Preacher

BIBLE PASSAGE

Colossians 3:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

3 CONSIDER

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TODAY?

If you plan to speak on behalf of God, you must first learn to listen to God speak.

It's impossible to rightly communicate God's heart from a text if you yourself aren't listening for His heartbeat in the text.

The resolve to get out of the way and let God's Word shine through the pulpit should be every humble expositor's aim.

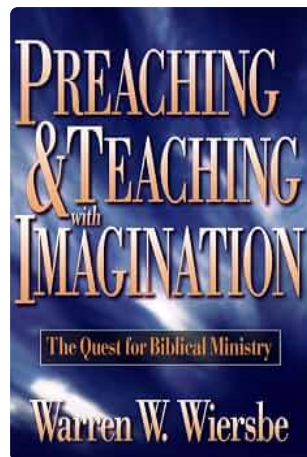
Seek to be the first member of your church to respond to the message you are about to preach. You should have the most reasons for life change, since you understand the text the most.

Four characteristics of a sermon by Skip Heitzig:

- 1) Unity
- 2) Progress
- 3) Symmetry
- 4) Climax

- "Don't commit the sin of boring" Greg Laurie - CCBC

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7 "Be's" of Expository Teaching/Preaching

- 1) Be Prepared
- 2) Be Interesting
- 3) Be Biblical
- 4) Be Prayerful
- 5) Be Enthusiastic
- 6) Be Authoritative
- 7) Be Relevant

LAST NOTE

When your lesson is over, move on and get ready for the next one.

Do the work and leave the results up to the Holy Spirit

ISAIAH 55:11 NLT

"It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it."

Isaiah 55:11 NLT

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