

Preach the Word

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Key Truth: The preaching of the Word of God is the basis for all teaching, ministry, and growth in the Church.

We live in a corrupt world where truth is being cast aside for a lie. This is especially prevalent now that social media and online video platforms have allowed anyone and everyone to publish anything without any means of ensuring the truthfulness of their words. While the world may get away with this, Christians may not fall into this errant behavior. As Christians, we all have a charge, a solemn mandate—entrusting us with an important task or responsibility—to preach the Word of God in all circumstances. How much more do pastors share that responsibility? Paul calls all the powers of God’s presence & Christ’s coming judgment to bear on his charge to Timothy – that’s a BIG deal!

DISCUSS

Read **2 Timothy 4:1-5** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “**Preach the Word.**”

DIG IN

1. The Charge: (vv. 1-2, 5)

What is the charge that Paul gives to Timothy? Why does that imply speaking the truth?

To what or whom does Paul appeal when he lays out this charge to Timothy (v. 1)? In what ways does that give weight to the responsibility?

How does preaching the Word relate to preaching Christ and his gospel?

What does it mean to reprove, rebuke, and exhort?

Why must this be done with “complete patience and teaching?”

In what ways do Christians suffer for the truth today?

Why should evangelism be a part of all we do?

2. The Challenge: (vv. 3-4)

In what specific ways do people today have “itching ears” (give examples)?

What are some examples of myths that people follow today?

According to verse 1, what can we use to draw strength to complete our Charge in the midst of today’s Challenges?

DO

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?