

## **Expository Preaching: What Is It?**

- An expository sermon takes the main point of a passage of **Scripture**, makes it the main point of the **sermon**, and applies it to life today.
- Expository sermons seek to “**expose**” people to what God says in His Word.

## **Where Is It In the Bible?**

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- Ezra and the Levites read from the law and gave the sense of it. (Nehemiah 8:8)
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- God condemns prophets who speak “from their own imaginations, not from the mouth of the Lord.” (Jer. 23:16; 18, 21-22)

## **Why Is It Important?**

- If we get this one right, everything else will **follow**.
- If we get this one wrong, everything else will **fail**.

### **I. God’s People Were Created by God’s Word**

- Genesis 1- God **speaks** to create the world.
- Genesis 3- After the Fall, God gives Adam and Eve a word of hope.
- Genesis 12- God calls Abram to follow him through a **promise**.
- Exodus 3- God speaks to Moses through a burning bush.
- Exodus 20- God gives his people his word through the **Law**.
- 1 Kings 18- The “word of the Lord” came to Elijah to go speak to Ahab.
- Ezekiel 37- God commanded Ezekiel to preach to dead bones to give them life.
- Mark 7- Jesus speaks to a **deaf** man in order that his ears would be opened.
- John 1- Jesus comes as the Incarnate Word of God in the flesh.
- Romans 10:17- Faith comes by **hearing** the word of Christ.

### **II. God’s People Are Sanctified by God’s Word**

- We need God’s word to save us, but we also need it to **shape** us.
- *“A healthy church is a church that hears the Word of God and **continues** to hear the Word of God. It’s a church that is always being refashioned and reshaped by it, constantly being washed in the Word and sanctified by God’s truth.” -- Mark Dever*

### **III. The Role of Pastors: Preach the Word**

- We preach because...
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  - The Word **teaches** us. (2 Timothy 3:16)
  - The Word convicts us. (2 Timothy 3:16)
  - The Word **corrects** us. (2 Timothy 3:16)
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