

Preaching for the Unchurched

Areas to Embrace in Proclaiming God's Word to the Unchurched

Proclaimer, embrace...

1. ...that c_____
→ Reflect: These are encouragements I treasure (or would like to add) in my study...
2. ...that c_____
→ Reflect: As I proclaim to people (many of whom are different than I am), I want to remember...
3. ...your c_____
→ Reflect: Ways I seek / can seek to better understand my hearers are by...
4. ... your c_____
→ Reflect: I am (or my church is) primed to proclaim to today's audience because...
5. ...speaking c_____
→ Reflect: Who are some unchurched people to keep on your mind and in your prayers as you prepare to proclaim?
6. ...speaking c_____
→ Reflect: Questions a proclaimer might ask of a text to keep 'the comatose' in mind are...
7. ...precious c_____
→ Reflect: If I could easily restructure how I spend my time, I'd spend less time on... and more on...

2 Corinthians 3:5,6, "Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

Proverbs 4:23, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

2 Timothy 4:2-5, "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine.... But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."

Mark 6:20, "When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him."

James 1:2,3, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

Acts 2:11, "We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

Acts 8:30,31, "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," (the Ethiopian eunuch) said, "unless someone explains it to me?"

Romans 13:12, "The night is nearly over; the day is almost here."

Colossians 4:5,6, "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

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Your Addition (one thought, one encouragement, or one prayer to add to your preparation and proclamation)

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1 – As I think about proclaiming in today's world, I am _____ (adj).

- A)
- B)
- C)
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- D)
- E)

2 – My **immediate** reactions...

- A)
- B)
- C)

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4 – Why bother?

5 – Matthew 25:31, 34-36, 40

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ...³⁴“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me’... ⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

6 – Exodus 16:1-4

“The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. ² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death. ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you...”