

INTRODUCTION TO CHRIST CENTERED PREACHING

The Big Idea: **If you preach in a way that is faithful to Scripture and reverent to God, Jesus will be the hero of your sermon.**

- “Preaching is the communication of truth through human personality.” ~Philips Brooks

Theme verse: “*He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*” ~Colossians 1:18b (see :15-20)

2 Goals: Rightly ***Beholding*** and ***Proclaiming*** the Scriptures.

1. **Beholding:** If we don’t see scripture through the right lens, we won’t be able to rightly understand it.
 - a. We must see scripture through REDEMPTIVE HISTORY: Jesus is the center, the _____ of all of scripture.
 - b. Expository Preaching: A form of preaching that throws _____ upon the meaning of a particular text or passage in Scripture.
 - i. MegaHint: Jesus is the light of all Scripture!
2. **Proclaiming:** Christ centered Preaching should include *information*, *exhortation*, and *adoration*.
 - a. Information
 - i. Sermons should be theme _____ and scripture guided.
 - ii. One stream of thought for analogies and examples.
 - b. Exhortation
 - i. People must be driven to change by our human influence, but not in a way that glorifies moralism.
 - c. Adoration
 - i. A message that is not brought full-circle back to Jesus is _____.

Discussion Questions:

- What are examples you’ve recently encountered that either exhibit these principles or fail to exhibit them?
- Of the following examples in scripture, point out how to rightly and wrongly exposit the passage:
 - David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
 - The Prodigal son (Luke 15)
 - The Good Samaritan (Luke 10)

Resources:

- *Preaching Christ in All of Scripture*, ~Edmund Clowney
- *Preaching Christ in a Post-Modern World* ~ItunesU (Tim Keller and Edmund Clowney)