

“Guys that preach verse-by-verse through books of the Bible-- that is just cheating. It's cheating because that would be easy, first of all. That isn't how you grow people. No one in the Scripture modeled that. There's not one example of that.

All Scripture is equally inspired, but not all Scripture is equally applicable or relevant to every stage of life. My challenge is to read culture and to read an audience and ask: What is the felt need? Or perhaps what is more important, what is an unfelt need they need to feel that I can address?”



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~ *Selected Scriptures* ~

Exposition:

Exposition is preaching that derives its content from the Scripture directly, seeking to discover its divinely intended meaning, to observe its effect upon those who first received it, and then to apply it to those who seek its guidance in the present.

- Ray Steadman

Expository Preaching:

We are stressing the consecutive, verse by verse (sometimes word by word) explanation and application of a book of the Bible.



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Why Expository Preaching?

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2. The Inerrancy of Scripture Demands It



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The doctrine of inerrancy is a gale force wind that fills the sails of expository preaching. If "all Scripture is breathed out by God" (2 Timothy 3:16), if "men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21), if "every word of God proves true" (Proverbs 30:5) then ought not the preacher be concerned to preach God's message as given?



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Inerrancy demands an exegetical process and an expository proclamation. Only the exegetical process preserves God's Word entirely, guarding the treasure of revelation and declaring its meaning exactly as He intended it to be proclaimed. Expository preaching ... is the essential link between inerrancy and proclamation.

- John MacArthur



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3. Certain Examples in Scripture Embody It



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Applications (Personal):

- You must come prepared to listen. Come refreshed and expecting.
- Quiet your heart and prepare for the preaching. Ask God in advance to show you where you will need to apply it.
- Take notes and/or ask yourself what you need to follow-up on.



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Applications (Personal):

- Make a plan for the week to remind yourself of the text we studied and seek to find application.
- Utilize the Application Questions we send out.



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Implications (Church):

- It will force us to study all of God's Word.
- It will force us to deal with the hard teachings of Scripture.
- It will help us systematize theology as we understand the Bible, author by author, so that we will understand what each teaches.



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Implications (Church):

- It will help us understand books of the Bible in context and as a whole (*authorial intent*) so that we do not proof text scripture.
- It will ensure that we don't omit anything God wants us to communicate.
- It will give us a fuller picture of God as we see Him revealed in many ways in many books.



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Implications (Church):

- It will teach His Word so that we can obey and glorify Him.
- It will aid us in our personal study and understanding of Scripture.

