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Thursday

# Notes on Biblical Preaching

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**Speaker:** *Pastor Joe Long*

**Recommended reading:** "Ministering Like the Master" by *Stuart Olyott*

## How to Prepare a Sermon in Preaching

### Types of sermons:

1. Topical Sermons – using passages to support a thesis about a particular topic e.g. How to be a Godly Husband
2. Text sermons – a singular passage of the Bible is used as a jumping point to discuss a particular thesis e.g. 1 Corinthians 13 – discuss Love in Action
3. Expository Sermons – following a book of the Bible passage-by-passage to allow the text to determine the point e.g. Galatians 1:1-4

### Helpful Tips for Preaching:

1. Know your audience
2. Make eye contact with your audience
3. Voice and delivery – talk in a natural way, be genuine (recommended: sermonaudio.com)
4. Illustrations are vital ( $\frac{1}{3}$  stating truth,  $\frac{1}{3}$  applying truth,  $\frac{1}{3}$  illustrations)
5. Application of a sermon (recommended: "Pilgrim's Progress" by *John Bunyan*)
6. You need to know something about theology (at the pulpit, e.g. Essays are examples of convincing people)
7. Get a hold of a good commentary (Warren Wiersbe commentaries can be found online for passage breakdowns)

### Example Exercise:

Psalm 2 (made of 12 verses and 4 parts)

- Has an introduction
- The body traditionally covers 3 points of a sermon
- Conclusion

### Further examples:

Dr. Haddon Robinson book: Biblical Preaching

Also view Haddon Robinson's YouTube videos such as "Preaching to the Wind" but any video will do.

*Remember 31 October 2017 will be the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.*