

PREACHING AND LEADING

I. If you were able to speak to a group of Bible College/Seminary graduates and tell them of the role the Church of Jesus Christ is to fulfill on earth, what would it be?

II. What are the greatest impediments hindering the Church of Jesus Christ from fulfilling the role, God has intended?

III. In light of the role God intended for His church, what part do pastors play in leading the Church to fulfill its role?

IV. What are the greatest impediments hindering pastors from fulfilling the part God intended for them to play?

V. In light of your conclusions how does all of this fit into the pastor's role to preach Sunday after Sunday?

The task of preaching in light of the part the pastor is called to play in leading the Church to fulfill the role God has intended for it.

I. What must the preacher “be” as a preacher in order to fulfill the task and how does one demonstrate that “being” through preaching?

II. What are the “new” demands along with “old” demands of the church calendar that inform the role of the preacher and the kind of sermons preached?

III. In the 21st century what topics or issues need to be addressed every year in the life of the congregation in order for the church to fulfill its God intended role?

IV. In light of the current culture what must happen regularly in the preaching event (the sermon) in order to reach this culture? Note: the answer to this question is somewhat determined by who is in your audience and the niche in the culture that you are attempting to fulfill.

V. How do the answers to the above questions inform the way the preacher preaches?

PREACHING AND LEADING IN RELATION TO CHURCH TRANSFORMATION

(Use the article: Church Transformation – Making it Work)

1. Preaching to develop a sense of urgency (Pages 3 & 4)

What topics could be used to develop a sense of urgency in a congregation?

What passages could be used to develop a sense of urgency?

How would you develop and present messages to get the congregation to actually feel and respond to this sense of urgency?

How do you preach so people over hear the need and come to decisions on their own?

How do you preach to use the past to motivate people to feel more urgency about the present, and what passages would you use?

How do you preach to address an entire community?

How do you preach to address generational issues?

How do you preach to address national issues?

What do you do in preaching to:

Help create a prayer team?

Put together an initiating group?

Disciple those who want change?

How do you preach to allow people to learn that the group they are in is basically dysfunctional.

2. Preaching to create a compelling vision (Pages 5 & 6)

What does preaching vision actually look like when it is done well?

How does the preacher prepare himself or herself for preaching vision?

What must happen in the preacher for preaching on vision to be effective?

How do you preach a compelling vision regularly without getting boring?

What makes up a good stump speech for the vision?

3. Preaching to multiply the communication of vision by ten (Page 6).

How do you do this?

How do you preach to tie urgency and vision together?

What might a two year plan of sermons look like to preach both urgency and vision and what passages or books might be used to accomplish this?

4. Preaching systematically to bring about systemic change (Page 9 & 10)

What topics do you need to preach on to help people accept change?

What topics do you need to preach on to demonstrate what areas need to change and how they should be changed?

How do you preach to help the congregation move their expectations from being low to being high?

How do you use your preaching to help people know about, embrace, and celebrate short term wins?

How do you preach to help long time members and attenders celebrate the wins of the past while not allowing the past to stop the new direction?