

Worship – Lesson 3  
Preaching as worship.

Expository preaching is public proclamation that reveals Scripture.

I. It reflects the preacher's heart for worship:

1. What God has to say is more important than what I want to say.
2. What motivates is a love for the Lord that prioritizes His expectation.
3. What motivates is a love for His people that prioritizes His message.

II. Two principles of importance:

1. God's Word is more important than the preacher's own words. Jer. 14:1-15  
Vs. 1-6 – There is suffering in the land.  
Vs. 7-9 – There is a plea for God's help.  
Vs. 10-12 – There is a God given reason for suffering.  
The compounding problem!  
Vs. 13 – The preachers are preaching their own message.  
Vs. 14-15 – The preachers are NOT preaching God's message.  
\* The pulpit is reserved for God's message, not mans. (Excerpt from Preaching for God's Glory – Alistair Begg)  
It is not a political stage.  
It is not a social platform.  
It is not a personal lectern.
2. God's Word requires explanation. Neh. 8:1-8  
Vs. 1-4 – The people desired God's Word.  
Vs. 5-6 – The people revered God's Word.  
Vs. 7-8 – The people understood God's Word.  
\* The explanation of God's Word is "exposition."  
It begins with Scripture.  
It represents the Scripture.  
It ends with Scripture.

III. Two examples from Scripture itself:

1. Jesus – Luke 24:25-31  
Vs. 25-26 – Those who love the Lord can miss the meaning of the text.  
Vs. 27 – Those who preach, "expound." – (interpret; thoroughly explain)  
Vs. 28-31 – Those who hear preaching might still miss the message.  
Luke 24:36-43  
Vs. 36-43 – Understanding isn't automatic with seeing and/or hearing.  
Vs. 44-45 – Understanding is a work of God through the teaching of the Scriptures
2. Peter – Acts 2:14-36  
Joel points to Christ as Savior – Joel 2:28-32  
David points to Christ as resurrected – Psalm 16:8-11  
David points to Christ as conqueror – Psalm 110:1

\* The sermon connects two points, God's message to human ears.