



“Squirmin’ Under The Sermon: Why Preaching Is Essential”

2 Timothy 4:1-5

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If God’s Word is the foundation of our public worship, why then add the words of a preacher to the mix?

Why Preaching Is Essential For Growth (2 Tim.4:1-5)

I. How do we know preaching is important? – Verse 1

II. *“Preach the Word...”* What is preaching?

III. What is preaching for? What is it meant to accomplish?

Reason #1. *“...be ready in season and out of season”*

Preaching is necessary to help people understand God’s Word more _____ so that they can come _____ to Christ.

Reason #2. *"...reprove, rebuke, and exhort..."*

Preaching is necessary to help a person hear from God _____ what they
_____.

"So what is good preaching? It is first engaging with an authoritative text. We preach the Word, not our opinion,...to draw out the message of the passage. It is secondly preaching to both Jews and Greeks, engaging the culture and touching hearts. It must show how the word bears on their hearts." – Timothy Keller

Reason #3. *"...with complete patience and teaching..."*

Preaching is necessary because it is so very hard for a person to _____,
but preaching is a powerful help.

Things for me to think about and work on: