



Group Discussion and Application

1. How important should the preaching ministry be in a person's selection of a church? How important was it for you?
2. From your perspective, what makes good preaching?
3. What do some churches substituted for Bible preaching?
4. What happens when Bible preaching is not given primacy in the church's ministry?
5. What must [pastors] [churches] do to insure good preaching?
6. Whatever our ministry, it is to be conducted in the God's power. How does a person know if he/she is ministering in human strength or in God's power?
7. List some faulty motivations for ministry. How are these evidenced?
8. What are the results of ministering from impure motivation?
9. How does preaching that grows out of personal caring by the preacher differ from preaching that does not?
10. How might church's direct young men to consider the preaching ministry?
11. This study has clear application for preachers. What are some applications of this passage for those who are not preachers?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. What personal action will you take to apply today's study?
2. Commit to pray for the preaching ministry at Grace Fellowship Church.



Family Homework

1. Consider a sermon you have heard recently that was significant in your life? How did it minister to you? What made this sermon effective?
2. Evaluate some of the preaching you have heard (at church, on the radio, on CD's, etc.). What are the strengths? Weaknesses?
3. What can you do personally to prepare to receive the preaching of the Word on Sundays?



To Preachers in the Pulpit

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Paul's own example evidenced three criteria of authentic preachers.

1

The authentic preacher preaches the _____.

2

The authentic preacher preaches with _____.

3

The authentic preacher preaches to _____.