



April 8, 2020 | Lesson: A Healthy Church Member is an Expositional Listener

What is an Exposition?

A setting forth of the meaning or purpose (as of a writing); a discourse or an example of it designed to convey information or explain what is difficult to understand.

What is Expositional Listening?

Before discovering what expositional preaching is, we must know and understand that the first and most important mark of a healthy church is expositional _____.

What is Expositional Preaching?

The form of preaching that details the meaning of a particular text or passage of Scripture.

_____.

_____ is technical and grammatical exposition, a careful drawing out of the exact meaning of a passage in its original context.

If churches are to be healthy, then pastors and teachers must be

_____ to discovering the meaning of scripture and allowing it to drive the agenda within the congregation.

The pastor's _____ should be determined and

based upon the meaning of scripture but the congregation's

_____ should be based on the meaning of scripture.

THE BENEFITS OF EXPOSITIONAL LISTENING

1. IT _____ FOR THE WORD.

a. When we tune our ears to hear the word of God, we begin to _____.

b. A cultivated hunger will make the believer become _____ to what He has said.

i. *Psalm 119:103-104 - "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way."*

c. We develop a _____ to hear from God.

2. IT HELPS US _____ AND FOLLOW HIM.

a. God's agenda takes center stage as our agenda and the preacher's agenda becomes secondary.

i. *John 10:27 - "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:"*

b. Listening to the voice of the Lord as it is heard in and through his word is crucial to following Him.

3. IT _____ AND _____.

a. When _____ ears rise, people begin to flock to teachers who suit their own passions and turn from listening to the truth.

i. *2 Timothy 4:2-4 - "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."*

b. The failure to listen expositionally will lead to _____.

i. _____ enter into the church.

ii. _____ are believed.

iii. _____ begins to flood the church.

4. IT _____ FAITHFUL SERVANTS.
- a. It is _____ to God when congregations are _____ to the Word of God.
 - b. You are able to prevent unnecessary _____ and _____ by cultivating the habit of expositional listening.
 - c. The congregation must give themselves _____ to God's Word!
 - i. When the congregation doesn't attend fully to God's Word, we develop _____ and _____.
 - ii. We risk shattering the _____, provoking _____ and _____ our corporate gospel witness.



“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Psalm 119:105

Next Week's Lesson: How Can Church Members Cultivate the Habit of Expositional Listening?