

# Preaching Practicum

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## Believing the Bible

- See Article: “Believing the Bible”
- A faith decision: What do I believe? Is the Bible divine revelation or human speculation?

## The Role of the Preacher

- Reformation thinking: The Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. It is God’s Word to us.
- “The church is the community of God’s people gathered around the preaching of the Word”
- In a reformed church: pulpit vs. podium, wearing a robe
- James Daane (Fuller Seminary) “God has already said to His church all that He wants to say. Your job is to let Him say it again.” (Homiletics: to say the same thing)
- We stand at a sacred desk which is set apart for His Word, not ours. We have a sacred assignment: to let Him speak through us to draw the lost and to disciple His children.
- We become a messenger, not the message. We allow the Bible to disciple the whole church. Jesus, Paul, John, Luke, Peter, Moses, Isaiah, etc. become our teachers. We become familiar with how they think. We step back thousands of years and enter into their world, and then we ask ourselves how do we do that today?
- Two reasons people stand in front of groups of people: communication or display.
- Why am I here? Am I here to communicate or be admired?
- Key: refuse to worry about what people are thinking about you and focus on communicating well.
- I’m here to explain what the Word says and how we are to obey it.
- God’s grace is given freely, but His blessings are earned by obedience. So, by teaching people the Word, I am teaching them how to live under God’s covering and in His abundant life.
- Be consistent in quality so people can rely on you and feel safe to invite others.
- Be in the pulpit 40+ times a year. The main service is not the place to train beginners. It takes an effort to go to church, and people must be convinced it will be worth the effort.