

WHAT IS BIBLICAL PREACHING? by Eric J. Alexander

TO THE READER: A good learning technique is to answer the following questions BEFORE reading the booklet. After reading, you can refine your answers based on your reading. Then, when your group gathers, each can discuss his or her view and you can either affirm or modify what you wrote.

1. Describe what comes to your mind when you hear the word “preaching.” (5-6)
2. How much confidence do you have that the preaching in your church is making a difference in the lives of the people who attend? (6-11)
3. Think carefully about this question: If the Holy Spirit were to leave your church would anything change? In other words, are we doing the work or is *He*? (11-13)
4. Read Romans 12:1-2. What should be the goal of all preaching and teaching? (13-14)
5. What is meant by expository preaching? (14-21)
6. Should preaching be aimed at particular needs or sins in your church? (21-23)

MESSAGE ANALYSIS SHEET

Speaker: _____ Evaluator: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

Scripture Passage: _____

Sermon Introduction:

Proposition (What was the main truth the speaker is trying to get across?):

Body: (Record the speaker's main points and significant features of each.)

General Comments:

Content_____, Structure_____, Delivery_____
(S=Superior, E=Excellent, G=Good, N=Needs Work)

Delivery Concerns (circle or comment):

Volume

Vocal Variation

Distracting Mannerisms

Gestures

Pulpit Use

Eye Contact

Swaying or Pacing

Use of Bible or Notes

Other _____

	EVALUATION					COMMENTS
	YES				NO	
Introduction (Imaginative):						
Did speaker get your attention and interest?	1	2	3	4	5	
Proposition:						
Did speaker establish the main theme?	1	2	3	4	5	
Body of the Message (Analytic):						
Was each point clear and easy to record?	1	2	3	4	5	
Did the points of the message...						
Explained well the meaning of the text?	1	2	3	4	5	
Gave good and helpful illustrations	1	2	3	4	5	
Gave general way to apply these truths?	1	2	3	4	5	
Exegetical Support:						
This message was what <u>this</u> text was about	1	2	3	4	5	
Problems and overall passage content were sufficiently handled	1	2	3	4	5	
Proofs were accurate, understandable, and supported the points made	1	2	3	4	5	
The context and genre of the passage were adequately considered	1	2	3	4	5	
The exegesis was not belabored once the points are sufficiently proven	1	2	3	4	5	
The exegesis seemed designed to aid rather than impress	1	2	3	4	5	
Application (Common Sense):						
Were clear, helpful, and practical	1	2	3	4	5	
Were redemptive and not legalistic in focus or motivation	1	2	3	4	5	
Accurately distinguished a scriptural mandate from a good idea	1	2	3	4	5	
Supported with sufficient biblical proof from <u>this</u> passage	1	2	3	4	5	
Illustrations:						
Contain sufficient "lived-body" detail	1	2	3	4	5	
Truly clarify or strengthen the arguments or overall sermon impact	1	2	3	4	5	
Are in appropriate proportion (number and length) to the sermon whole	1	2	3	4	5	
Take Away Point (Dynamic):						
Did you know exactly what the speaker wanted you to do when finished?	1	2	3	4	5	