



A DISTINCT CHURCH  
**WE SHOWCASE EXPOSITORY PREACHING**  
2 TIMOTHY 4:1-4

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - April 23, 2023

1. Prepare \_\_\_\_\_  
(v. 1)

2 Timothy 4:1-4 (ESV)  
*4 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

2. Train \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 2a, 3-4)

3. Seek \_\_\_\_\_  
(v. 2b)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:9-10.** How should the realization that you will be evaluated by the Lord affect your life this week? In particular, how should this affect your attitude towards preaching?
  
- 2 **Read 2 Timothy 4:3-4.** What are some of the ways you see the culture wandering off from God's truth and showing "itching ears"? What are some of the ways you personally need to be careful of listening to your own desires/feelings instead of God's truth?
  
3. On a scale of 1-10, how well would you say you do at actively listening to the sermons in your church? How could you be a more active and attentive listener?
  
4. **Read James 1:22-25.** What are the biggest obstacles between being a hearer of the Word and a doer of the Word for you? How can these obstacles be overcome?
  
5. Outside of a Life Group discussion, what are some other ways you can pass along what you are learning and applying from hearing expository preaching of God's Word?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Fabarez, Mike. *Preaching that Change Lives*.

Ramey, Ken. *Expository Listening*. Kress Biblical Resources, 2010.

Stott, John. *Between Two Worlds*. Eerdmans, 1982.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the pastors and all who proclaim the word of God at our church.  
Pray that our church would be hungry to hear and apply expository preaching.  
Pray that God would amplify expository preaching in our community.  
Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.  
Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

### REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
4/23	1 Samuel 25-27	John 14
4/24	1 Samuel 28-31	John 15
4/25	2 Samuel 1-3	John 16
4/26	2 Samuel 4-6	John 17
4/27	2 Samuel 7-10	John 18
4/28	2 Samuel 11-13	John 19