



Communicating Christ

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Discussion Questions for Lectures 1–3

Lecture 1: The Heart of a Christ-Centered Message

1. What is the Fallen Condition Focus (FCF) of a text; and, why is the FCF important for expository preaching?
2. Biblical theology insists on understanding the context of every Bible passage. Why is understanding the “redemptive” context important?
3. How does preaching the “Deadly ‘Be’s”” alone mark non-redemptive sermons, and why are non-redemptive sermons a problem?
4. How do we keep from preaching the “Deadly ‘Be’s”” that place a sermon’s emphasis on human effort alone?

Lecture 2: The Hands of a Christ-Centered Message

1. What is the problem with an allegorical interpretation of Scripture?
2. How do preachers sometimes wrongly use the allegorical method to impose the message of Christ on a Bible passage?
3. How does biblical theology enable us to maintain the truth of a passage and properly demonstrate its redemptive significance?
4. What are two key questions that will always enable us to see the redemptive significance of every Bible passage?

Lecture 3: The Hope of a Christ-Centered Message

1. Why is it always important to base the imperatives of Scripture on the indicative of who we are in Christ?
2. Are we to be holy for God’s acceptance, or from God’s acceptance?
3. What are proper biblical motivations for behavior change, and what is their proper priority?
4. How can we tell ultimately if a sermon is human-centered or Christ-centered?

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