Preachers, Pastors, & Participants

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INTRODUCTION

- The elders said, We want you to preach a lesson about the work of preachers and the congregation's response, what it ought to be to preachers.
- I also think that there is a sense in which we are participants. So I call it preachers, pastors, and participants.
- What kind of preacher do you want? The second question is, what kind of pastor does God want. And then the third, what is the proper role of a member of the church who is neither preacher nor pastor.

1 What Kind of Preacher Do You Want?

2 Timothy 4:2–5; 1 Corinthians 2:1–5; 1 John 4:1

- Preach the word. Be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.
- He's surely going to be the kind of man who preaches this message, Christ and Him crucified.
- The kind of preacher that we read about in the Bible always preached a distinctive message.
- Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they be of God. For many false prophets are gone out into the world.
- He was not simply taking that role because it's a job to have, but rather because it is a life. He is willing to give his life to the service of the Lord.
- Timothy was described as a minister. The word minister simply means to be a servant.

2 The Pastor, a Shepherd of the Flock

Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 5:1–4; 1 Timothy 3:1–7

- There's a difference between evangelists and pastors. Not all evangelists are pastors.
- What's their work to shepherd or pastor the flock which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, the bishopric thereof.
- Their role is to watch for the well-being of the congregation. That false doctrine not be taught there.
- It's not a matter of someone who is just the most popular among us, or happens to be the oldest among us, or happens to be the richest among us.
- If he knows not how to rule his own family, how can he oversee the flock of God?
- The purpose for these requirements is certainly not to prevent men or churches from appointing men to be elders.

MY NOTES