

Session 5

Know Thy Preacher

For Consideration

How many means of sermon delivery can you think of beyond hearing in a live setting?



What is missing when the sermon is not “live”?

The Survey Said

88% believe it is good to know the preacher personally

The Scriptures Said

The goal of all ministry is discipleship (Matthew 28:18-20)

Rabbinic teaching involved interaction (Luke 2:46)

Jesus used this means to make disciples (Mark 3:14)

We become like those we are with (Luke 6:40)

Imitation is a good thing (1 Corinthians 4:16, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9)

Both Sides

Both preacher and hearer must be open to genuine relationships

| Area of Responsibility | Specific Responsibility of Hearer | Scriptural Support |
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| The Heart | | |
| | Believe in the Word of God | Mt. 13:1-23 |
| | Put the Word of God as a priority | Mt. 13:1-23 |
| The Mind | | |
| | Have an open mind | Acts 17:11-12 |
| | Have an eager mind | Acts 17:11-12 |
| | Personally study the Scriptures | Acts 17:11-12 |
| The Will | | |
| | Put the Word into practice | James 1:22-25 |
| Relationship | | |
| | Know your preacher | Mark 3:14, |
| | Be known by your preacher | Luke 6:40 |