

Why I Am Preaching Through Books

Nehemiah 8:1–12 (NIV) — (1) all the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. (2) So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. (3) He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. (4) Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam. (5) Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. (6) Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!” Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. (7) The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiah—instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. (8) They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read. (9) Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is sacred to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. (10) Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” (11) The Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for this is a sacred day. Do not grieve.” (12) Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

I) Expository Preaching Is Obeying The Command Of Scripture To “Preach The Word!”

2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV) — (2) Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

II) It Is The Method Least Likely To Stray From Scripture.

III) It Teaches People How To Read Their Bibles.

IV) It Gives Confidence To The Authenticity of The Sermon.

V) It Puts God Word In The Proper Place.

VI) It Forces The Preacher To Handle The Tough Questions.

VII) It Calls The Preacher To Teach The Whole Counsel Of God.

Acts 20:26–27 (ESV) — (26) Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, (27) for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

Acts 20:26–27 (NLT) — (26) I declare today that I have been faithful. If anyone suffers eternal death, it’s not my fault, (27) for I didn’t shrink from declaring all that God wants you to know.