



BIBLICAL ELDERSHIP RESOURCES

Passing the Baton From One Generation of Elders to Another

Discussion Questions – Dave Anderson

Developing Future Preachers: How to Cultivate a Culture of Preaching in your Local Church.

1. In your own words, describe the importance of the role of preaching in your local church? (Is it central? Is it ancillary? Is there a culture of appreciation over the proclaimed Word?)
2. What would a preaching or teaching cohort look like in your context?
3. What are some resources that would encourage a “preaching culture” that come to mind (Conferences to attend? Books to study and give out? Sermons to listen to?)
4. What are other ways you can get people in your church, excited about the Word?

Preaching to Change Lives: Moving from Information to Transformation.

1. In your own words, why is it vital that a teacher be effective?
2. Does application come easy for you? Why or why not?
3. Where do/can you find ideas about application?
4. Why do you think many preachers and teachers default towards giving information instead of giving information plus application?
5. How would you respond to this statement: “It is my job to teach the Word, and it is the Holy Spirit’s job to bring application and conviction.”

Discussion Questions – Larry Dixon

The Accuracy of the Sermon

1. How can we become more aware of the Spirit's ministries to believers, especially to us preachers and teachers of the Word?
2. The Holy Spirit is an advocate like the Lord Jesus. How did the Lord Jesus "come alongside of" His disciples?
3. What's involved in asking the Spirit of God to "help" us in our studies and in our pulpits? How can we tell if we are relying only on ourselves and our skills?
4. How does He bring about that conviction? Is His proving ministry primarily through visions and dreams and direct experiences to people? Or it primarily through the faithful and accurate preaching of the Word?

The Delivery of the Sermon

1. What are some distractions that you have seen — or practiced — which have hurt the delivery of God's Word?
2. What are some assumptions we make about a Spirit-empowered delivery of a sermon?
3. Where do you feel most inadequate in preaching or teaching God's Word? What steps can you take to keep that inadequacy from crippling you?
4. Would it be useful as we prepare sermons or lessons to keep notes on those truths that are bringing conviction to our hearts? Why or why not?
5. What steps can we take to maximize the possibility that God is heard in our preaching?