**Series: Rediscover Church**

**Today: Why Are Preaching & Teaching Central?**

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**Key Quote:** *As we rediscover church, we’re looking for divine authority, not merely human wisdom. (pg. 58)*



***2 Peter 1:20-21***

*20Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. 21For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

1. God uses Spirit-anointed teaching as a catalyst in Spiritual transformation.

**Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

*Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

***2 Corinthians 10:3-5***

3For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

***Matthew 5:17-19***

*17“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

1. The teaching of God’s Word has been absolutely foundational for the church.

***Matthew 28:19-20***

*19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

***Acts 2:42***

*They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

***2 Timothy 3:15-17***

*15from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17so that the servant of Godmay be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

***2 Timothy 4:2-4***

*2Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.*

1. How do I receive teaching in a helpful way?
2. With a repentant spirit.

***1 Corinthians 8:1***

*Knowledge puffs up while love builds up.*

1. With a responsive spirit.

***James 1:22 (NLT)***

*But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.*