

# 2 Timothy 4:1-5 Lesson 13

## Open Season For Preaching

### Day 1: Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5 Take it Seriously

1. Who does Paul involve in charging Timothy to “**preach the Word**”? Put in plain language how he is conveying this to his disciple? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. The word “preach” means “**to herald or proclaim**”. How might this serve a different function than “teaching”? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What are some trends in preaching today? What is **driving** these trends? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Why is this such serious business? (Jas 3:1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Preaching involves training the flock to listen and embrace the Word of God. While there is a place for stories and humor in the pulpit, what are the dangers of preaching becoming too heavily weighted on either? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Day 2: Read 2 Tim 4:1-5 Do it Consistently

1. What does “**out of season**” look like when it comes to preaching the Word? (Remember this is talking about the church, not the world.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What are some typical excuses offered when pastors “**trim their sails**” with regards to preaching the whole counsel of God? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Day 3: Read 2 Tim 4:1-5 Preach it Properly

1. “**Reprove**” is convincing of error, while “**rebuke**” is correcting direction through warning. Write an example of how you would preach on wrangling about words using the tools of reproofing and rebuking. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. The best way to accomplish preaching the Word properly is through expositional preaching. That is, **“taking the main point of the passage and contemporizing it for the purpose of informing minds, instructing hearts and influencing towards godliness.”** How does this force a preacher to remain faithful to the Word?  
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3. Read verse 2 again. With what attitude are we to continue to preach the Word? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. In order for your pastor to do this properly, what are to be his primary duties? What kind of things should he delegate to more capable men? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. This admonition on how to preach properly is not just for the pastor. Since we all offer counsel, and counseling is nothing more than **“private preaching”**, how can you apply these guidelines in your “preaching”? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Day 4 Read 2 Tim 4:1-5 Expect the Difficulty**

1. Are these instructions on how to preach formulaic? Will they produce an easy ministry? (verse 3, 2 Tim 3:12) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Doctrine doesn't divide as many people say. It defines. Christians respond to even the difficult passages in the Word of God. How do those who reject the truth respond? (v. 3-4) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. If we are willing to “scratch” the “itching ears”, what will become our **method for interpreting the text**? What is the **root problem** of the preacher? (Gal 1:10) \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Practically, how would you educate a friend who was going to a church were the pastor was **“scratching itching ears”** instead of faithfully preaching the Word? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Day 5 Read 2 Tim 4:1-5 Endure it Evangelistically**

1. What kind of perspective is Timothy (or Metro) going to have to maintain in order to stay the course? What does **“endure it evangelistically”** mean? (verse 5, Mk 8:36, Heb 13:17) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**“A man with God is always in the majority.”**  
**-John Knox**



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