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# Choosing To Preach: A Comprehensive Introduction To Sermon Options And Structures



## Synopsis

Today, traditional forms of preaching are being scrutinized and challenged. The biblical sermon is not immune to the pressure to evolve or even fall by the wayside, leaving pastors and seminary students confused over how best to communicate to today's listeners. In this forward-looking textbook, Kenton Anderson delivers a strong call to current and future ministers to indeed choose to preach biblical sermons, despite the obstacles to doing so. While preaching itself is non-negotiable, the exact form it takes can be much more flexible, allowing people to hear from God as they hear his Word preached. Rather than presenting one model or process for preparing a sermon, Anderson explains several available options. As you discern your message from the Bible, will you begin with the text (deductive) or with the listener (inductive)? Will you focus on the idea (cognitive) or the image (affective)? The choices you make lead to five possible sermon structures: • DECLARATIVE • make an argument • PRAGMATIC • solve a mystery • NARRATIVE • tell a story • VISIONARY • paint a picture • INTEGRATIVE • sing a song Each model is described in detail and related to well-known contemporary preachers, including John MacArthur, Rick Warren, Eugene Lowry, and Rob Bell. This book equips you with a variety of tools for your preaching tool kit.

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"We have but one great truth to preach, but there are as many ways to preach it as there are preachers. In this

important volume, Kenton Anderson teaches us to cherish two things: well-spoken truth and our own glorious diversity.' -- Calvin Miller, Author

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Very insightful. Great for emerging preachers. Had a lot of detail orientation in regards to each specific sermon type and helps you find your ideal.

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Good information and well organized. Strong ideas on some newer ways to reach the body and to keep the "I'm interested" in coming back.

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This book served to uplift my sense of purpose toward preaching. It stresses not only the how, but the why. A great read, and well worth the effort.

This book is worth reading but I would suggest checking it out of the church library, public library or buying it used. It is a good overview and shows some different styles and is wonderful to have open when preparing as you try to mix up your preaching style so not to bore the body - however, there is a lot better out there.-CSL

this was a excellent book. It really helped me improve my preaching skills.I would greatly recommend this book to anyone who is really serious about preaching. This is a must have to any book library of preachers, pastors or teachers.

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