

A Post-Preach Checklist

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU PREACH

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EXPECT ATTACK

God uses preaching as a means to change people – to snatch them from, “. . . the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.” (Ephesians 2:2).

FROM THE ENEMY...

- ◇ Sunday afternoon is your time to apply.
- ◇ Remember God is greater than the Accuser.
- ◇ Remember God is bigger than any mistake.

FROM THE FLESH...

- ◇ Reject the pride over how God is using you.
- ◇ Reject the notion that God isn't using your preaching.
- ◇ Don't evaluate your sermon too soon.

QUIET YOUR SOUL

When you are under attack, your soul will be loud. Do not think of yourself “more highly than (you) ought to think.” (Romans 12:3).

ENTRUST YOUR SERMON TO GOD...

- ◇ Trust him with the results of your sermon.
- ◇ Fix your thoughts on God's performance, not yours.
- ◇ Remember his word does not return void.
- ◇ Be still & know that he is God (Psalm 46:10).

GIVE YOUR MIND A REST...

- ◇ Distract yourself. Read. Eat. Sleep. Relax.
- ◇ Tend to your body & soul.
- ◇ Spend time focusing on family & friends.

DON'T FISH

Preaching stirs up both accusation and admiration, which means you'll be tempted to go fishing for compliments. Don't. “Cast all your cares on him because he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT DO...

- ◇ Rush to find approval from others.
- ◇ Absorb the glory for yourself, not God.
- ◇ Listen to your own podcast.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO...

- ◇ Listen to those who don't crave approval.
- ◇ Thank critics, regardless of what they say.
- ◇ Be grateful for the encouragement you get.