

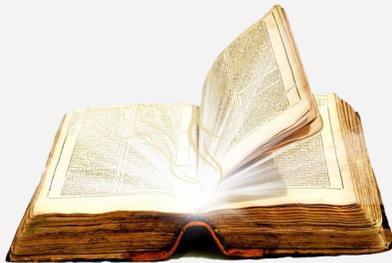
Speaking God's Word

A Preaching Class Workshop

A 12 week class/workshop combining most of The Preaching Class lectures of John Piper with in-depth discussion and hands-on participation.

- **When:** Thursday evenings, 6:30—7:40, beginning Jan. 27, 2022
- **Where:** Mt. Zion Church Media Center, 414 Lincoln Ave SE, Bemidji,
- **Prerequisites:** No experience necessary. Come with a desire to learn and grow through in-depth study, discussion and participation.
- There is no charge for this class.

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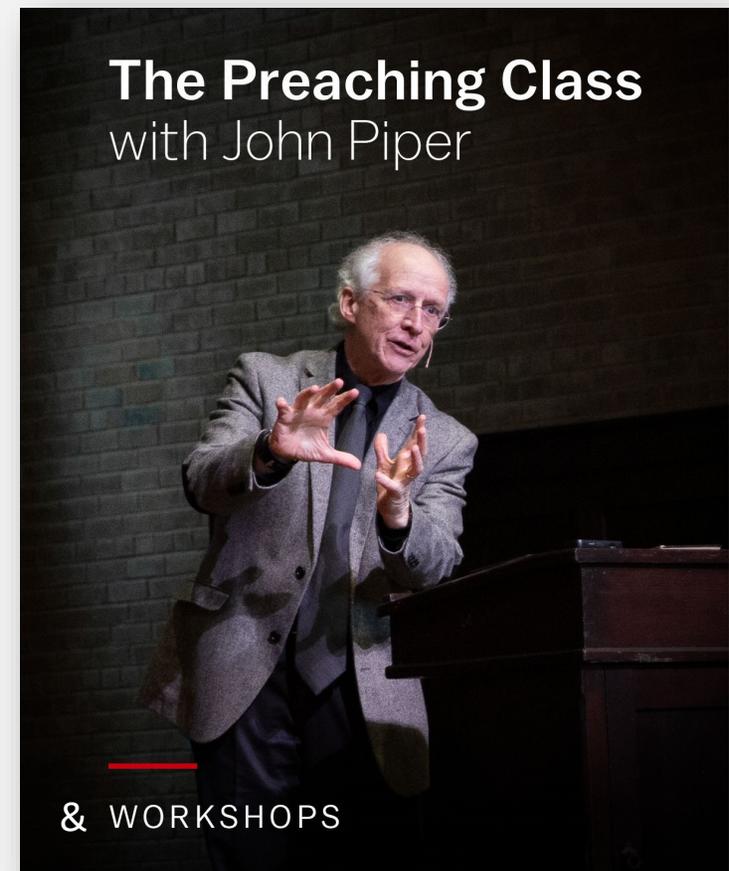
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INSPIRATION, INSTRUCTION, TRAINING, STEWARDSHIP

As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one another. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. 1 Peter 4:10, 11

There are 168 hours in a week. Come invest one in developing the gift of speaking God's word.



God's word instructs us to use our speech regularly in serving Him and others.

"Exhort one another daily" (Hebrews 3:13); Give a reason for the hope that lies within you (1 Peter 3:15). Preach the word... reprove, rebuke, exhort with great patience and instruction (2 Timothy 4:2) - to name just a few.

And according to 1 Peter 4:10-11 this gift of speaking needs stewarding. But like the parable of the talents, we can often feel like the steward with only one small measure to use when it comes to speaking for God. The age-old challenge is to use, rather than bury this calling in spite of that feeling of inadequacy.

God can work with that!

Whether you're a seasoned preacher or just beginning your journey, this class will help enrich, inform and inspire your calling and faithfulness.



John Piper has combined over 30 years of preaching and 10 years of college-level teaching on the subject into a rich series of short lectures that are as much inspirational and encouraging as they are instructive and practical.

Piper invites us to enter into the life, motivation, inspiration, and high calling to the ministry of preaching / ministry of the Word. "Preaching is a miracle. Faithful sermons are far more than explanations of a biblical text; they are celebrations of biblical realities." "Christian preaching," says Piper, "is a God-appointed miracle aiming to awaken the supernatural *seeing, savoring* and *showing* of the glory of Christ.

"God has chosen the foolishness of preaching" (1 Cor. 1:21) Piper reminds us. "It's not the only thing God uses to build up His people, but it is essential in the Church."

This unique class/workshop combines *The Preaching Class lectures of John Piper with in-depth discussion and the hands-on participation of a Toastmasters style format.

This 12 week course will meet for about one hour per week. We plan to watch and discuss two of the Piper lectures per session as well as participate in a variety of workshop type exercises. Most lectures are about 10 minutes.

A sample of the video lecture topics:

- ◆ What is Preaching?
- ◆ What is Expository?
- ◆ What is Exultation?
- ◆ How do People Change?
- ◆ Sermon Essentials
- ◆ Courage and Humility in Preaching

A sample of exercises to participate in:

- ◆ Briefly expound an inspiring verse that encourages/exhorts.
- ◆ Share a testimony, personal or otherwise, with scripture.
- ◆ Quote a verse from memory.
- ◆ Give a mini sermon, receive constructive feedback.

*There are 31 John Piper lectures in The Preaching Class series (all available free on line). We will watch and discuss 23 or 24 of these. We will pack a lot into our 60-70 minute classes. Note taking is strongly encouraged. Some hand-outs on various related subjects will also be made available.