

Sermon Notes

1 Timothy 4:11-16

This week we discussed the heart of a prophet and what their job description requires. Learning about a prophet can help one understand if he is called to be a prophet and also help those listening to see if they are truly hearing God. In a world where we have experienced lies, it is imperative to discern if we are indeed listening to the truth. Understanding the five marks of a prophet helps us in our ability to hear, believe, grow, trust and hope in the Gospel.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

A Prophetic Calling

1 Timothy 4:11-16

A Prophet must...

Preach and teach with authority (11)

Provide an example (12)

Prioritize the Word and the Spirit (13-14)

Progress through diligent practice (15)

Pay attention to both life and ministry (16)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why is a prophet called to teach and preach with authority? Who does a prophet represent? What difference does it make to proclaim the Word of God with authority? Why does proclaiming accurately and authoritatively help people to hear God?
2. How does God call a prophet? What does God expect of a prophet? Why should a prophet preach and teach all of God's Word? Why don't people often want to hear a prophet? Why are prophets so important to God's agenda? Why should a preacher proclaim the entire counsel of God's Word?

3. How did Israel commonly treat the prophets of their day? Why? How did Jesus feel about this? How did Jesus' generation treat Him? Why didn't prophets just keep their thoughts to themselves rather than share them?
4. Why are prophets called to provide an example? Why is being an example important? What happens if prophets do not walk their talk?
5. How was Paul instructing people to follow him? Read 1 Corinthians 11:1 and Philippians 4:9. Would you feel comfortable asking people to follow you like you follow Christ? Why or why not? What might need to change?
6. How does integrity play a role when you share the Gospel? Why does aligning your life with the truth help other people to believe? What areas in your life need to grow in Christ?
7. Why are both the Word and the Spirit imperative for growth in Christ? How should the Word be used in worship? Why should the Word be read? Why should people be exhorted from the Word? Why should the entire Word of God be proclaimed?
8. Why should we pay attention to the Spirit inside of us? What does it mean that we as Christians have all of the Holy Spirit but He may not have all of us? How do we daily partner with the Holy Spirit so that we can grow?
9. What does the Holy Spirit want to do to grow us in Christ? How does the Holy Spirit work in and through us? How can we relinquish more and more to Him?
10. How can we learn our spiritual gifts? Why is community so essential to learning our gifts? How can our community help us grow in our gifting? How does community sometimes discover our gift before we do?
11. How are you disciplining yourself to grow in your gifting? Why should you want to progress and continue to practice? What does it mean that you are either green and growing or ripe and rotting?
12. What does it mean that we live in an age of distrust and disgust with our leadership? How does growing in our character help people to trust us and ultimately Christ? What happens to God's people when a Christian leader falls? Why is this so terrible?
13. Why should we pay attention to BOTH our lives and our ministries? What happens if we have a successful ministry at the price of our families? What happens if we refuse to continue to grow in our ministry to the Lord? How does personal holiness and doctrinal orthodoxy provide evidence that the Gospel is real?
14. What was your biggest take-a-way from the message? What is God asking you to apply right now in your life?