

**Preachers must...**

- Own their commission and calling to preach in view of Christ's appearing and judgment. (1)
- Urgently herald the reality of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures. (2)
- Realize that culture will oppose the truth and appoint their own teachers. (3-4)
- Possess great character and endurance. (5)

***Questions for Discussion:***

Are you personally challenged by this passage to consider you being called by God to be a preacher?  
What steps could you take this week to confirm whether or not this is your calling?

What are some marks of a sound preacher?  
How would an "unsound" preacher be different?  
Have you or do you know someone who has followed an unsound preacher?  
What was their appeal?  
How can we guard against falling prey to such preachers?

What are some ways our culture is opposing the truth of God?  
Who are some of their most prominent preachers?  
What are they preaching?

What are some ways we can support preachers amidst their challenges in ministry?  
Are there one of these ways you could act on this week?