

# PREACHING CURRICULUM



**SERMON TITLE:** Gimmickless Gospel

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

*'...God's word brings light and life into the darkness...'*

*'...the Word of God, meditated upon, brings blessing...'*

## 1 REVIEW THE SERMON

Do the voices of society and media that are at odds with God's word get you upset or angry? Should they?

How can both unchecked despondency and uncontrolled anger lead to discouragement?

Does it ever work to your benefit, or the benefit of others, when you stop ministering or proclaiming the truth out of discouragement, persecution or fatigue?

## 2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How does the Word of God encourage you vs. 1?

How did Paul's continuing and ongoing ministry encourage him to 'not lose heart'?

Does ministry and proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ bring encouragement to you?

## 3 APPLY THE TRUTH

What are two primary ways we can make sure we never use God's word disgracefully vs. 2?

What is the spiritual battle (knowingly or unknowingly) going on in your life, and in all our lives, right now? How is the realization that God has "blinded" the unbelieving to the obvious truth freeing and encouraging for us?

Why do we continue to proclaim the truth in context and within the whole counsel of God even when we know we can't convince anyone vs. 3-6; Romans 10:14?

## 4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

Can you expect bad news and responses to the truth without taking it personally or causing you to be silent? Will you find encouragement in continuing to minister and proclaim the truth?