

**They Will Hear My Voice:
*Spreading the Gospel through Expository Preaching***

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And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. —John 10:16

I. God is calling a people from every nation.

- A. God intends to receive glory from around the world (Gen. 1:27–28; 9:1).

- B. Man’s rebellion brings God’s judgment upon mankind.
 - 1. Man has been separated from God and cut off from life (Gen. 1:16–17; 3:8; Rom. 6:23a).
 - 2. Unbelieving peoples have been dispersed over all the earth (Gen. 11:9).
 - 3. Mankind is accountable to the God they know exists, and is under his wrath (Jn. 3:18; Rom. 1:20; Rev. 11–15).

- C. God has a plan to redeem the world.
 - 1. God will send a man (Gen. 3:14–15),
 - 2. That man will be of the seed of Abraham (Gen. 12:1–3),
 - 3. Of the Tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:8–10), and
 - 4. Of the House of David (2 Sam. 7:12–16).
 - 5. That man is Jesus (Matt. 1:16).

- D. People from every tribe, tongue, language, and nation will be saved (Rev. 7:9)

II. Christ is calling people by his voice.

- A. Sinners become disciples of Christ by receiving the preached word (Rom. 10:9,14).
- B. Christ's voice is all of God's Word.
 - 1. The Old Testament points to Christ (Luke 24:27).
 - 2. The New Testament reveals Christ (Heb. 1:2).
- C. Christ's sheep hear his voice and follow (John 10:27).
- D. All Christians are called to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:18-20)

III. Christ is the shepherd of his people.

- A. In local assemblies (Eph. 2:20).
- B. Globally, including Israel (Rev. 7:9).

Implications:

- ❖ Since people come to Christ by hearing his Word, expository preaching is necessary to successful missions for two reasons:
 - 1. Expository preaching communicates God's intended meaning of his word.
 - 2. If we are not preaching God's intended meaning, then we are not communicating Christ's voice. We are communicating ours.

- ❖ For believers to follow Jesus, there needs to be a complete worldview displacement. The gospel of Jesus cannot be thrown on top of prior beliefs. Those beliefs must be replaced. Lost sheep must abandon the pastures of their past life and follow the Good Shepherd wherever he leads.

Applications:

- *Speak their language.*
 - A. To communicate clearly, you must speak the language of the people to whom you are ministering.
 - B. To measure spiritual progress in a believer, you must speak his language.
 - C. To measure ministry success, you must speak the peoples' language.
- *Teach chronologically.*
 - A. Chronological teaching displaces the sinner's worldview so as to bring clarity to the gospel.
 - It challenges beliefs about the attributes of God (Acts 17:24–25).
 - It challenges beliefs about origins (Acts 17:26).
 - It challenges beliefs about the spiritual world.
 - It challenges beliefs about death and eternal life (Acts 17:31).
 - B. Chronological teaching is used in Scripture.
 - It's what the apostles did (Acts 3:17–19).
 - It's what Jesus did (Luke 24:25–27).