

Preaching Matters 2: Part 3

How can we reach people, with different levels of discipleship or education, at the same time?

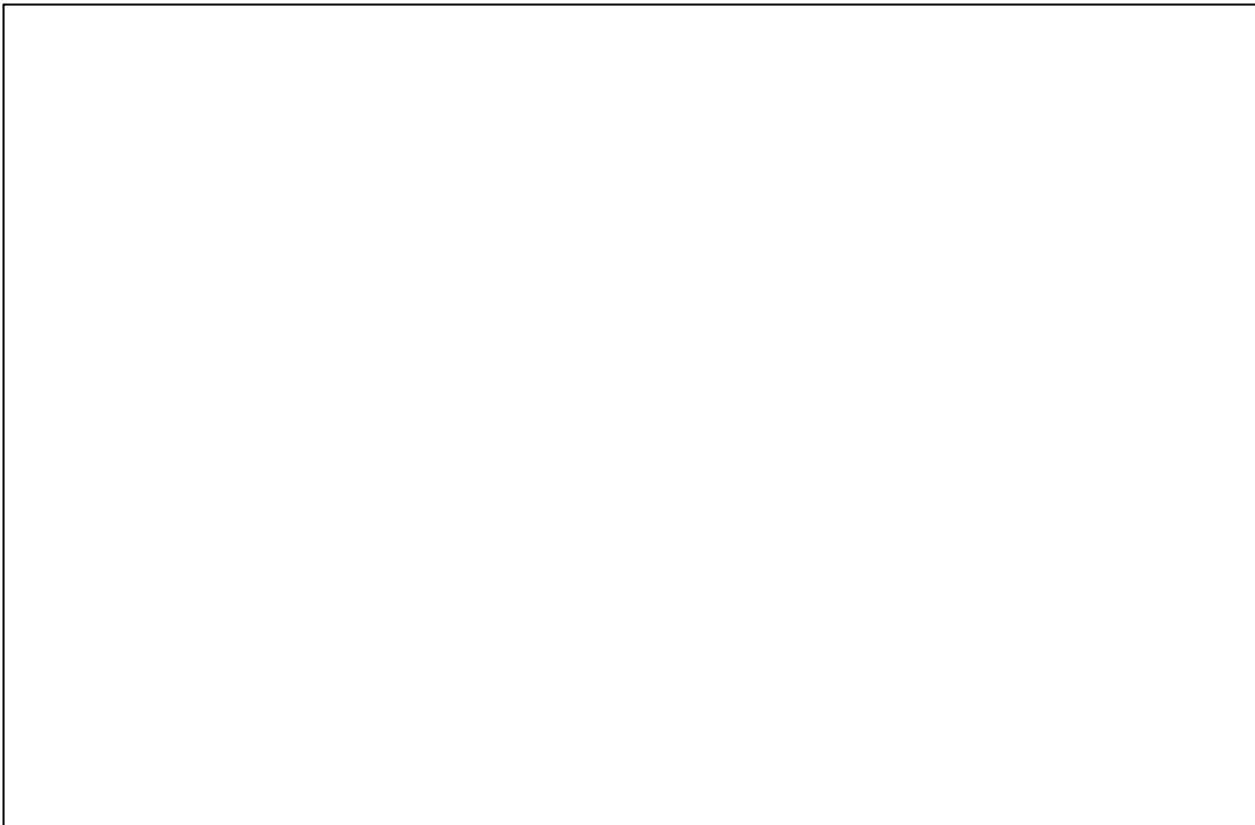
1. How to reach people with different levels of Discipleship?

We need to open **Hearts** AND **Minds**, to hearing God's voice through the Scripture.

*All Word and no Spirit, we dry up;
all Spirit and no Word, we blow up;
both Word and Spirit, we grow up. (David Watson)*

Paul prays in the letter to the Ephesians that they would be strengthened by the Spirit in their **inner being**, and that **their hearts would grasp** the love of God.

- Engage our own hearts with what we are preaching
- Ask questions that connect the sermon with real life
- Engage the imagination
- Preach Christ



2. How to reach people with different levels of education?

Ephesians 3

*'Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to **make plain** to everyone the administration of this mystery.*

Language:

- Never say 'of course, we all know that' OR 'I'm sure you've heard this before'.
- Don't use theological jargon
- Use a diversity of conversation partners

Learning styles:

everyone needs different learning styles to learn.

- Auditory
- Visual (I recommend The Visual Commentary on Scripture <https://thevcs.org/>)
- Kinaesthetic

"Preaching becomes the deep bonding of the heart, mind, memory, volition, and visceral response to the word which has not simply been spoken accurately and properly, but has also been spoken deeply, vitally, authentically, holistically."



QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON IN GROUPS

1. What might be helpful from what was shared for your preaching?
2. Are there any pointers in addition to what has been said that you can share?
3. Can you share an example of a preach you heard that really engaged with your heart and mind? Why was it effective?