**The Preacher and the Emotions: Part 3**

**Three things we can grow in as preachers**

**Emotional Awareness of the Congregation (EQ toward an audience)**

How do we improve our EQ of a whole audience?

Lighting (so you can see people)

Knowing people and their situations

Developing a congregation that can be expressive

Reading their non-verbal

Don’t be put-off by that guy who is too tired!

**Preaching to the Emotions and Affections**

Benjamin Franklin, George Whitfield, Jonathan Edwards and the Great Awakening

E. G. White suggests, "The object of preaching is not alone to convey information, not merely to convince the intellect. The preaching of the word should appeal to the intellect, and should impart knowledge, but it should do more than this. The words of the minister should reach the hearts of the hearers."

**Emotional Exegesis**

What emotions did this text evoke in its author?

What emotion did the author intend to evoke in the audience?

How do I help the hearers to connect with those emotions?

How much do I want them to feel the same way?

How do we keep this appropriate to the text?

We often, in preaching, ask ‘what am I doing to these people?’. Another similar question might be, ‘what do I want people to feel?’. This is a helpful question when looking at your sermon.

**Groups**

Find a bible passage that is emotionally charged. How might you help a congregation connect with the emotion in the passage? Can you think of a way that might be going too far?