Follow Me As I Follow Christ - A Journey with Paul

“Preaching Like Paul Preached”

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Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3:16-4:4; Sermon covers: Acts 17    7.17.16

Introduction:
A. Preaching, teaching and sharing the Word of God are some of the most ________
and _________ activities any of us can be involved in.
   1. At the same time, they can be one of the most ________________
and ________________ activities that any of us can be involved in.
B. The apostle Paul was one of the most ____________ and ________ preachers,
teachers and sharers of God’s Word.
C. Today’s sermon applies to preachers, elders, and teachers, and to every ________,
because all of us must properly employ the Word of God in our own lives, and we
are also called to share the Word with others.
D. Let’s see what we can apply to our own lives from Paul’s preaching and teaching.

I. The Story
A. Toward the end of Paul’s 2nd Missionary Journey, he traveled to ____________.
   1. As Paul moved about the city, he encountered __________ culture at its
   worst, and it upset him deeply.
   2. The prevalence of ________ and the resulting commercial windfall and
   sinful behavior they spawned gnawed at that preacher’s soul.
B. Let’s get a picture of what that ancient city was like.
   1. It was a city unsurpassed in __________ and ____________.
   2. It was a junkyard of ________.
   3. It was a ______________ dream.
C. Paul first went and taught at the ________________.
D. Then he went into the ______________ and ran into some Epicureans and Stoics.
   1. To summarize and compare the two philosophies, the Epicureans goal was to
   “_______ life,” and the Stoics goal was to “_________ life.”
E. The people were interested in Paul’s teaching and invited him to speak at the
   ____________.
F. Paul’s sermon to them was a masterpiece.
   1. He started with a courteous, truthful ______________.
   2. Then he focused on something ____________, so that he might explain
   something ____________.
   3. He talked about ________ the unknown God was and ________ the unknown
   God ___________ from people.
   4. Paul slipped in two controversial “R” words: _________ & ____________.
G. The response Paul received is ____________ to the response we receive today.

II. The Application - As we share the Word of God, let’s always...
A. Stay focused on the main ____________.
B. Speak the ____________ without _________.
C. Start where our _____________ is.
D. Surrender the ____________ to God.

Answer Key: Intro.A. important, rewarding  A.1. challenging, humbling  B. effective, faithful
I.F.1. observation  I.F.2. familiar, unfamiliar  I.F.3. who, what, wanted  I.F.4. repent,
resurrection  I.G. similar  II.A. subject  II.B. truth, fear  II.C. audience  II.D. results.