

The centrality of preaching

Session 12

How do you decide which church to join?

- “worship” style?
- Lots of children/families?
- Friendliest?
- Closest to where you live?

- The centrality of bible-based preaching

The centrality of the Bible

- The Bible guides and underpins every other aspect of church life.
- God's word is, and has always been, God's chosen way to communicate with his people:
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament
- Christ's kingdom comes through the preaching of God's word
 - Sinners saved
 - Christians built up and strengthened

What is healthy Bible preaching?

- One-off sermons?
- Topically relevant sermons?
- Expository preaching through books of the Bible?

Preaching through Bible books

- The whole of the Bible is God's word
- It's biblical
- It helps people learn their Bible
- It spiritually stretches the preacher and deepens his understanding of God
- It puts controversial or "hot topic" issues in their proper place
- It helps people see the full storyline of redemption
- It greatly magnifies the glory of Jesus Christ
- A church gets to hear the whole Bible preached