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Q&A WITH ED STETZER ON PREACHING

Thoughts on Vision Casting Sermons at Parent Churches or Supporting Churches

- Listen to Vision Casting Sermons at Parent Churches.mp3
- Don't be there to contrast the awesomeness of your new church plant to the lameness of the existing church
- Tell them you're trying to reach and connect with a different group of people, with a different style and methodology
- You're going to look different, but that's okay
- You're there to reach people and share the good news of the gospel with people
- Have a clear, compelling, and biblical message about what you're doing
- Have a response mechanism. How should that church be involved in your plant? It's different for every church.

Thoughts on Your Launch Sunday Sermon

- Listen to Launch Sunday Sermons.mp3
- Don't say everything you know in the first message that you do
- Pace yourself
- Launch on Palm Sunday or the third Sunday in September, in most Western english speaking contexts
- Clearly and faithfully communicate the word of God
- Glorify God and tell people that the cross is central
- You don't need to tell them everything, but you want to tell them enough
- You really want them to come back!

- “We’re starting a series this week.” Never preach a sermon, preach a series. Ask people to join you for a “5 week series.”
- Share what you’re going to talk about next week
- During those 5 weeks, have a good assimilation process
- Preach topical or verse-by-verse
- If you’re preaching verse-by-verse, don’t announce that you’re going to do a four year series. Just do a mini 5 week closed ended series

Thoughts on Your First Year of Preaching

- Listen to First Year of Preaching.mp3
- I like to begin the habit of teaching through books of Bible with people, but I don’t do this all the time
- The majority of my preaching is from books of the Bible
- I do a series during the year
- I preach a thematic series around a topic during the Fall, Easter, and between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, since these are the times we encourage people to bring their friends
- The best way people learn is to teach them how to read the Bible themselves

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