

Sunday, May 11, 2025



Becoming A Healthy Church  
**Expositional Preaching**  
Nehemiah 8:8

**Three Truths About Expositional Preaching**

**1. Expositional Preaching isn't:**

Preaching verse-by-verse through books of the Bible

Preaching a commentary

Boring

**2. Expositional Preaching is:**

Preaching with a high view of scripture

Starting with the text and preaching the theme or idea of the text

A commitment to hearing and obeying God's Word

**3. Why Expositional Preaching matters**

It is the most effective way for us to hear, understand and obey God's Word

It helps us get the other characteristics of a healthy church right

It avoids hobby horses

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## Study Guide

For the week of May 11, 2025

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

*Imagine you are moving to another city, and you don't know any Christians there. Your first order of business is to find a church. List five to ten things that you would look for in a church.*

Read **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**.

Where do Spiritual Gifts come from?

Why are we given different gifts?

Read **1 Corinthians 12:12-26**.

With whom have we been united? How does that happen?

What is the universal church?

What is the local church?

Which is Paul talking about here?

Read **Romans 6:1-14**.

What should the relationship be between the righteous standing we have in Christ and the way we live our lives?

Does it matter how we live as Christians?

Why?

Look back at **1 Corinthians 12:12-26**.

What is the overarching metaphor Paul uses to describe the church throughout this passage?

What do the foot and the ear say in **verses 15 and 16**?

What attitude or emotion does this express?

In **verses 17 to 20**, Paul is essentially makes two points for the foot and the ear.

What are they?

**Read verses 19-20.**

If you are tempted to think like the foot and the ear, how do these verses, **verses 19-20**, encourage you?

What do the eye and the head say in **verse 21**? What attitude does this express?

What are the two main points in Paul's response to the eye and the head in verses 22-23?

What does Paul say in **verse 22** about the parts of the body that seem weaker?

In light of this, how should we treat church members who do not seem impressive to us?

According to **verse 25**, God seems to have two goals for arranging the parts as He does. What are they?

What is the example He gives in **verse 26** to illustrate these things?

In light of this passage, how is a "Lone Ranger Christian," who tries to live out his or her discipleship to Christ independently of others, misguided?

Read **1 Corinthians 12:7, 14:12, and 14:26.**

What common priority does Paul express in these passages?

*Paul's mentality is the opposite of a consumer mentality. Consumers seek to fulfill their desires. Christians on the other hand are called to build up others and seek the common good. What are some practical ways we can reject consumerism and seek the common good in how we relate to:*

- The church's corporate gatherings
- Listening to sermons
- Older members of the church
- Young mothers
- Widows
- Singles

Consider that, according to Paul, we are to honor, care for, suffer with, and rejoice with other members of the body.

Go back to the list of things you made at the beginning of this study of what you would look for in a church. Is there anything you would change?

What personal needs has the Holy Spirit exposed during this study?

How can we pray with you about those needs?

*Consider memorizing  
1 Corinthians 12:7.*

*Pastor Jake Presley*