

Preaching for the Rest of Us

How to be a Faithful Preacher in a Rockstar World

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You are called to be a preacher. Preaching in the 21st century means you need to be many things:

- Gospel-centered.
- Biblically faithful to a Biblically illiterate people.
- Engaging to a 355 channel surfing audience.
- Relevant to a post-everything generation.
- Reverent in translating but not changing the holy message of Scripture.

And yet, almost none of us are rock star preachers. Who is up to this task? Our passion is to see the mighty army of "blue collar pastors" become more equipped to reach our generation. After all, consider how our whole movement got started:

When they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated, ordinary men, they were astonished and took note that these men had been with Jesus.

~Acts 4:13

It's hard not to compare yourself to others. It's all too easy to stack yourself up against the renowned communicators of today. It can be difficult when your flock seems more apt to follow the pastors they listen to online versus those in their church.

We continually need to be reminded that we're called to be faithful, not famous. For many of us, we'll wake up, brush our teeth, go to work, live by the gospel, serve those around us, come home, love our families, and then put our heads back on the pillow. Very few will even remember our names. But we continually serve and love, day-by-day, not for our name's sake, but for God's. That's what this conference is about: How to be a faithful preacher in a rockstar world. So, this "non-conference" conference is not built around single personalities, but around a group of faithful men who serve the gospel in the trenches day- in and day-out. We will have main learning sessions lead by Steve Treichler (Hope Community Church, Minneapolis - www.hopecc.com) and Reid Monaghan (Lead Pastor of Jacob's Well, New Jersey - www.jacobswellnj.org). Neither of these men are "rock stars", but both have a passion to reach this generation through the common guy!

Go to www.mission1618.com for more info. \$85 is the current cost for this time together and covers food, conference expenses as well as free lodging with Hope CC families for those who need it. If money is an issue, let us know... we want you there and will make it work!

Contact Jon Neal at jn@hopecc.com if you have any questions!