

Sermon: Place of Preaching in the Plan of God  
Scripture: I Thessalonians 2:1-13

Introduction: Acts 20:27

The will and worship of God is important to us.

The character of worship impacts the character of the Church.

- I. Disfavor and decline in preaching:
  - A. Historical and current attacks (Luke 4:15; I Cor. 1:17; Romans 10:14,15)
  - B. Why the decline?
- II. Definition and design of preaching:
  - A. Definition (Jonah 3:2; Neh. 8:8; Mark 1:38-39; Eph. 4:11)
  - B. Design - importance, goal, value (I Tim. 4:16; I Cor. 1:22-24; Rom. 10:14; Isa. 2:2,3; Luke 24:45-47; I Thess. 2:4; II Tim. 2:10; Eph. 4:10, 11-13)
- III. Development of preaching in the preacher and the people: