

Garlock, JohnKeys To Better Preaching

5. Preaching or Teaching—What's the Difference?

This chapter compares preaching and teaching. The point: they differ in situation and emphasis, not in style or importance. The same communication principles apply to both.

Key takeaways

- Preaching usually means a one-time, varied, larger audience with lecture-style delivery, little note-taking or testing, and more emotional appeal. Teaching means a repeat, similar audience with varied methods, invited questions, notes, tests, homework, and visible structure.
- There's no solid wall between them. The book's principles apply to both, though it mostly says 'preaching.'
- If you want to preach, be willing to teach. Teaching chances (like Sunday school) come sooner and more often, and are excellent practice. Do one well and you can do the other.