

Lifting Up Those Who Spread God's Word

Our Mission

The Rephidim Project exists to mobilize, equip and encourage pastors worldwide with a blueprint for expositional preaching that produces Christlike believers by the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God.

What pastors are saying...

"The Rephidim Project is a gift of God to Maine. What need is more pressing than this present famine of truly expositional preachers? ... There is a new generation of young men eager to feed Christ's sheep. We thank you for raising our arms. The tide is turning." (Alex)

"Rephidim's preaching cohort is a valuable resource to those currently preaching and those exploring that great office. ... Full of substance and support, cohort members find a place of brotherhood, bonded by prayer and a desire for God's Word to be heralded in Maine and beyond." (Mark)

"The preaching cohort has been a positive experience. ... There are very few opportunities for hands-on, in-person training experiences in Maine, and to have an opportunity for folks looking to discern God's calling on their lives is invaluable." (Jacob)

. A D O P T E D . Vision & Values

FROM THE REPHIDIM PROJECT

Our vision is to develop a team of experienced expositors to equip pastors globally through workshops, cohorts and online resources while partnering with other like-minded organizations to stimulate a movement of the church back to the expositional preaching of God's Word.

- # 1** EXPOSITORY PREACHING IS ESSENTIAL FOR GROWING SPIRITUALLY VIBRANT AND HEALTHY CHURCHES.
- # 2** THE CRYING NEED OF THE CHURCH IS FOR GOD-CENTERED, WORD EXPLAINING MESSAGES.
- # 3** ALL SCRIPTURE IS INTENTIONALLY USEFUL TO EQUIP CHRIST'S DISCIPLES FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICE.
- # 4** THE GOAL OF PASTORAL PREACHING IS TO PRODUCE CHRISTLIKE BELIEVERS WHO ARE BEING TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S SPIRIT.
- # 5** EXPOSITIONAL PREACHING IS UNIT OF THOUGHT PREACHING WHICH APPLIES THE EXEGETICAL THRUST OF EACH PASSAGE TO PEOPLE TODAY.
- # 6** THE BIBLE IS THE AUTHORITATIVE AND SUFFICIENT SOURCE FOR EXPOSITIONAL PREACHING, NOT MERELY A RESOURCE FOR THE PREACHER TO USE.
- # 7** EFFECTIVE PREACHING IS GOD-DEPENDENT, SPIRIT-DIRECTED TRANSFORMATIONAL PREACHING.



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TRANSFORMATIONAL PREACHING

Growing Christlike Believers
Through Expository Preaching

FREE 1-Day Seminar
(including continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch)

hosted by



INSTRUCTORS

David Christensen (ThM, DMin)

President of The Rephidim Project

David served in dual ministry for thirty years as a Bible college professor and local church pastor. He is the founder of The Rephidim Project, a ministry devoted to encouraging and equipping pastors for expository preaching. David is the author of six books including *The Persuasive Preacher: Pastoral Influence in a Marketing World*. He retired as Preaching Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in 2018 to devote himself to encouraging pastors, missionaries, and church leaders through Bible exposition and teaching the methods of expository preaching to the next generation of preachers.

Russ Cotnoir

Director of Pastoral Resources

After 34 years of ministry, Russ retired as the senior pastor at Fayette Baptist Church in Fayette, Maine. He was called to Fayette in 1988 during his junior year at New England Bible College and soon after received his BS degree (with a major in Bible). He is also the founder of First Light, a daily radio ministry aired on WBCI 105.9 FM, which has broadcast his sermons since 1996 and has become the longest running Maine based program since WBCI began reaching throughout central Maine and New England. Russ's heartfelt passion is to communicate biblical truth in a relevant way in order to effect spiritual change through his pulpit and teaching ministry, podcasts, First Light radio messages as well as speaking engagements at churches and events, retreats, and various conferences.

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION

Sanctification is the goal of transformational preaching. In our sermons, we seek to restore the image of God in our listeners (Rom. 8:29). After all, wasn't the goal of Paul's preaching to "present every man complete in Christ" (Col. 1:28)? If contemplation of Christ is how we are transformed into His image (2 Cor. 3:18), then sermons should point people to Him shouldn't they? Our people need to see Christ to become like Christ. How can we aim each sermon to grow Christlike believers? What methods will help us aim our messages more effectively? This seminar will not only teach you how, but also inspire you to more effectively preach expository messages designed to produce Christlike believers who are being transformed by God's Spirit.

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Black Bear Inn & Event Center

**4 Godfrey Drive
Orono, ME 04473**

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 am - noon

Session 1

noon - 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Session 2

**Pre-registration is required
and available on our website at:**

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