

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...

"I've been part of The Rephidim Project preaching cohort for over a year now and can attest to how much it has been encouraging and equipping me in this area of ministry. I've already seen the benefits not only in my own preaching but also in my association with these other pastors knowing that God is influencing our passion to use the Word as the source of our messages, not just a resource for our messages." -Joe

"The Rephidim Project is a gift of God to Maine. What need is more pressing than this present famine of truly expository 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

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Vision & Values

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.

Expository preaching is essential for growing spiritually vibrant and healthy churches.

The crying need of the church is for God-centered, Word-explaining messages.

All Scripture is intentionally useful to equip Christ's disciples for effective service.

The goal of pastoral preaching is to produce Christlike believers who are being transformed by God's Spirit.

Expositional preaching is unit-of-thought preaching which applies the exegetical thrust of each passage to people today.

The Bible is the authoritative and sufficient source for expositional preaching, not merely a resource for the preacher to use.

Effective preaching is God-dependent, Spirit-directed transformational preaching.

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**Text-Driven
Preaching**

Preaching Old Testament Narrative

FREE 1-Day Seminar

(includes: continental breakfast and lunch)

Brought to you by:



Sponsored 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 seven books including, *A Philosophy of Pastoral Preaching: Shepherding God's People with God's Word in One Place*. 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.

Mark J. Crocco (BS, MDiv)

Director of Ministries for The Rephidim Project

Mark is the Owner and President of Integrity Leadership Development Inc. He spent fifteen years in pastoral ministry and has spent the last twenty years developing leadership in organizations. Mark is a highly sought after leadership development expert, public speaker, and author. He oversees the Crocco Catalytic Leadership Institute, which exists to create leadership materials with the goal of developing leadership. Mark speaks at many leadership conferences throughout the country, and often speaks at churches, bible conferences, and retreats. He is a graduate of Philadelphia College of Bible and Grace Theological Seminary.

Conference Host

Jack Nelson

Jack is the founder and president of Worldlink International Ministries, an innovative mission that shares God's love and Good News with people in some of the world's hardest-to-reach places in partnership with indigenous missionaries. He is an inventive thinker, sought after speaker, author of two books and an Elder at New Story Church.

Seminar Description

Since God is our teacher and His Word is the content of His teaching, how do we ensure that we are preaching God's Word and not our words? Do we truly believe in the sufficiency of Scripture to meet our spiritual needs today, or do we merely pay lip service to that concept? Stories make up approximately 40% of the Old Testament. How do we preach these Old Testament stories to our video-saturated culture today? What tools can we use to unlock the truths God wants to teach us from these Old Testament narratives? This seminar will address these questions with biblical and practical principles to help you become a better expositor of God's Word. You will learn how to preach text-driven messages, unlike much popular preaching today, which is topic-driven. This seminar will equip you with the exegetical tools to help you break down a narrative into its parts and identify the exegetical idea that unifies the story. Each participant will learn a strategy for expressing what God wants to say in the Old Testament narrative so that our people are transformed into Christlikeness by the power of the Spirit.



Thursday, October 23, 2025

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

New Story Church
110 Valley Park Road
Phoenixville, Pennsylvania

Seminar Schedule

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:
RephidimProject.org**

The cost for your conference participation has been covered by others as a gift to encourage you in your ministry.