

Priority: Instruction

I. Instruction _____ the other priorities of Crossway Church.

- A. God uses instruction to transform people into worshippers and inform their worship.
- B. Instruction equips people to fellowship biblically.
- C. Instruction equips believers to explain the message of the gospel in evangelism.

II. _____ is instruction?

- A. In Scripture the word “preach” generally refers to proclaiming the gospel to lost people.
- B. In Scripture the word “teach” generally refers to explaining biblical truth to believers.
- A. Instruction is informative.
- B. Instruction is passionate.
- C. Instruction is applicational.
- D. Instruction is personal.

III. _____ is instruction a priority?

- A. Instruction is a priority because unlike any other religion we have an authoritative source of revelation from God Himself—the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

2 Peter 1:19–21

19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. 21 For no

prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

B. Instruction is a priority because it is how Jesus began and conducted His ministry.

C. Instruction is a priority because it is God's means to produce faith and save men from their sins.

Romans 10:14

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Romans 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

1 Peter 1:23

since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

1 Peter 1:25

but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

D. Instruction is a priority because it is God's means to grow and strengthen the church.

John 17:17

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

2 Timothy 3:16–17

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

E. Instruction is a priority because it is what the apostles were commissioned to do everywhere.

Matthew 28:19–20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

F. Instruction is a priority because it is what the apostles commissioned their successors to do.

2 Timothy 4:1–2

1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

2 Timothy 2:2

and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

G. Instruction is a priority because it is the primary function of the highest office in the church.

1 Timothy 3:2

Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

IV. There are _____ to prioritizing instruction in the church.

- A. Those who teach from God’s Word must do so humbly and carefully.**
- B. Those who listen to God’s Word being taught must do so humbly and carefully.**

Do you have **questions/comments** about Crossway's priority of *instruction* you would like to **discuss with a pastor**?

*** We want to answer your questions! Notes you make in this box at the end of each section can help jog your memory on things to bring up when you meet with a pastor as part of Crossway's membership process ***