**Preach the Word! (2 Tim. 4:1-8)**

The elements of our church service

⇒ What takes the most time?

Why should this be the case?

OT precedent: eg. Deut. 4:10-12; Neh. 8

NT priorities: eg. Acts 6:3-4, 17:1-3; 1 Tim. 5:17…

And hence

**The charge: Preach the Word! (v.2)**

a) Why does God want to make *the Word* center stage?

Immediate context: 3:15-17

b) Why does God want to make the Word center stage by *preaching*?

What preaching is not

What preaching is

The effects of the Word

Being ever-ready

…with great patience and careful instruction

The broad and narrow application

**The challenge: itching ears (v.3-5)**

The listeners

What they actively want to do

Fulfil your ministry!

**The catalyst: The King who crowns you (v.1, 6-8)**

The King, who will one day judge, is coming!

The crown of righteousness

So run the race, take Christ at his Word!