

book of the month

Expository Sanctification – Paul Shirley

We run the risk of absent mindedness while engaging in any regular practice. Preaching is no exception. Because preaching happens weekly in the church, we can easily forget the powerful effects that God intends in our lives through sitting often under the proclamation of God's voice. *Expository Sanctification*, written by Paul Shirley who is a graduate of The Expositors Seminary, effectively reminds us of the immense privilege of hearing God's word preached.

Jesus prayed that God would sanctify his people by his truth (John 17:17). God has chosen preaching as an indispensable tool to answer Jesus' request in his high priestly prayer. I'm excited to highlight this book for our church so that we are reacquainted with the sanctifying purpose of preaching. This book has helped me renew my own resolve to listen intently and obey quickly what I hear from the pulpit on Sundays. I hope that it does the same for you.

— Omri Miles, Elder Intern and Deacon of the bookable

Suggested One-Month Reading Plan

(less than 3 pages per day)

Week 1: Monday, August 31st – Sunday, September 6th

1. The Need for Expository Teaching
2. The Holy Requirement of Sanctification

Week 2: Monday, the 7th – Sunday, the 13th

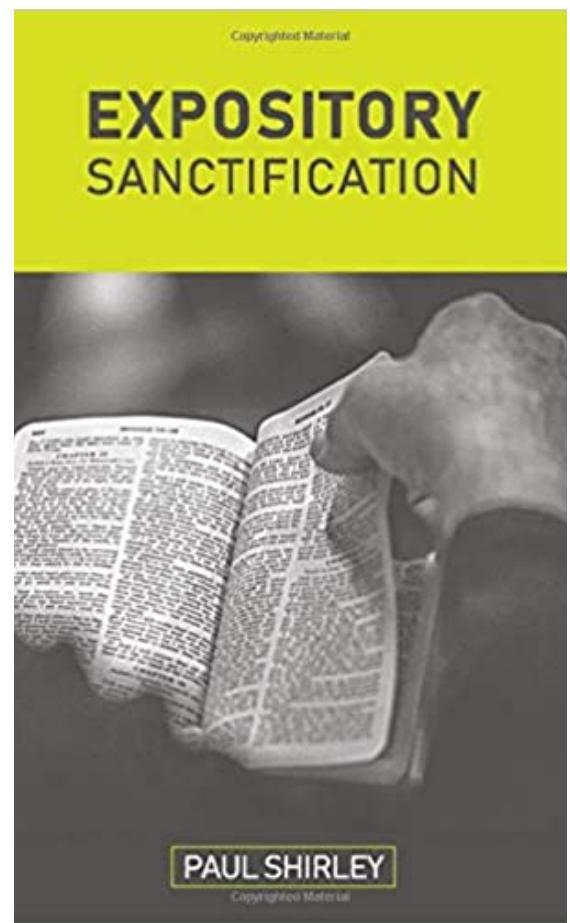
3. The Biblical Trajectory of Sanctification
4. The Mechanics of Sanctification

Week 3: Monday, the 15th – Sunday, the 27th

5. The Grace of Preaching
6. Especially Preaching

Week 4: Monday, the 28th – Sunday, October 4th

7. Verse-By-Verser Growth
8. Faithful Hearing



QUOTES

"There is an inextricable link between strong preaching and spiritual maturity, which means if you want to grow in the Lord, you need to submit to faithful preaching as a source of sanctifying grace." (1)

"God's grace is the source of our sanctification, biblical truth is the means of our sanctification, growing faith is our responsibility in sanctification, and a life of worship is the result of sanctification. When God's people understand these practical components of the Christian life, sanctification comes alive." (31)

"God is most glorified in us when we are most sanctified by Him." (39)

"The maturity and ministry of the Church rises and falls on the strength of its pulpit." (48)

"The church need pastor-teachers, not celebrity-personalities. 'Tweetable' sermons delivered by personalities may bring in big dollars, but they won't produce sanctification...Faithfulness in the church requires faithfulness in preaching. It does not stop there, but it always begins there." (49)

"Like a starving man standing at a king's banquet table, we need to come to the sermon expecting our King to feed our impoverished souls." (89)