

Session 1

The Relevance of Preaching



Things that work against preaching

Technology
Patterns of Communication

Preaching is still a draw

NFL on a Sunday 1 million
Churches on a Sunday 82 to 135 million

Preaching is a God-thing

God gave the Message (1 Cor. 1:21)
God gave the Mission (1 Cor. 1:21)
God gave the Messenger (Eph. 4:11-14)

Preaching is a me-thing

What you need to do

1. Accept the responsibility of being a hearer
2. Don't leave without something to take home

Looking Ahead – Read Matthew 13:3-9. 18-23