

2009 Sermon Averages

Simple Observations...

1. Tom: preaches a steady 40 minutes on average on any given Sunday morning
2. Chris: preaches a whopping 49 minutes on average on any given Sunday morning
3. Bob: preaches a miniscule 35 minutes on average on any given Sunday morning

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So What?

1. Tom has been doing this a long time and knows how to use his time wisely and accurately. No surprises here – everyone eats lunch at lunch time!
2. Chris is young, inexperienced, and long-winded and as a result owes the congregation quite a bit of time back – not to mention the late lunches.
3. Bob is often short, sweet (this is still under review) and to the point, but has everyone wondering if they're getting their moneys worth!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

¹ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: ² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, ³ a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

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⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
⁶ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

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⁹What does the worker gain from his toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has laid on men. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

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¹² I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live.

¹³ That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God. ¹⁴ I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

¹⁵ Whatever is has already been,
and what will be has been before;
and God will call the past to account.