

Our Mission

The Rephidim Project exists to mobilize, equip and encourage pastors worldwide with a blueprint for expositional preaching that produces Christlike believers by the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God.

What pastors are saying...

"I'm so grateful for The Rephidim Project and for these preaching seminars. They are just so encouraging to build up pastors and preachers in their daily life, as men, as Christians and sons of God. Technically helping us sharpen the tools that we use in the creation and delivery of sermons for the glory of God and for the sanctification and salvation of His people." - Pastor Keith, Saucon Community Church

"I had been running and running for almost 20 years without any real thought of my "occupational" growth as a pastor. I needed to grow and sharpen my skills as the church grows, deepens, and becomes more effective. The disciple can only go as far as the teacher. The cohort's content has really helped me to sharpen my skills. I found that I need the camaraderie of other pastors. Iron does sharpen iron." - Pastor Will, West Baldwin Baptist Church

"Rephidim's preaching cohort is a valuable resource to those currently preaching and those exploring that great office. Full of substance and support, cohort members find a place of brotherhood, bonded by prayer and a desire for God's Word to be heralded in Maine and beyond." - Pastor Mark, Galilee Church

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Vision & Values

Our vision is to develop a team of experienced expositors to equip pastors globally through workshops, cohorts and online resources while partnering with other like-minded organizations to stimulate a movement of the church back to the expositional preaching of God's Word.

Expository preaching is essential for growing spiritually vibrant and healthy churches.

The crying need of the church is for God-centered, Word-explaining messages.

All Scripture is intentionally useful to equip Christ's disciples for effective service.

The goal of pastoral preaching is to produce Christlike believers who are being transformed by God's Spirit.

Expositional preaching is unit of thought preaching which applies the exegetical thrust of each passage to people today.

The Bible is the authoritative and sufficient source for expositional preaching, not merely a resource for the preacher to use.

Effective preaching is God-dependent, Spirit-directed, transformational preaching.

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Disciple-Making Preaching Seminar

Biblical Application for Spiritual Formation

1-Day Seminar

(Includes: continental breakfast and lunch)

Brought to you by:



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Instructors

David Christensen (ThM, DMin)

President of The Rephidim Project

David served in dual ministry for thirty years as a Bible college professor and local church pastor. He is the founder of The Rephidim Project, a ministry devoted to encouraging and equipping pastors for expository preaching. David is the author of seven books including, *A Philosophy of Pastoral Preaching: Shepherding God's People with God's Word in One Place*. He retired as preaching pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in 2018 to devote himself to encouraging pastors, missionaries, and church leaders through Bible exposition and teaching the methods of expository preaching to the next generation of preachers.

Russ Cotnoir

Director of Pastoral Resources

After 34 years of ministry, Russ retired as the senior pastor at Fayette Baptist Church in Fayette, Maine. He was called to Fayette in 1988 during his junior year at New England Bible College and soon after received his BS degree with a major in Bible. He is also the founder of First Light, a daily radio ministry aired on WBCI 105.9 FM, which has broadcast his sermons since 1996 and has become the longest running Maine-based program since WBCI began throughout central Maine and New England. Russ's heartfelt passion is to communicate biblical truth in a relevant way in order to effect spiritual change through his pulpit and teaching ministry, podcasts, First Light radio messages as well as speaking engagements at churches and events, retreats, and various conferences.

Seminar Description

In today's world, spiritual formation and disciple-making are pivotal topics, with entire ministries dedicated to these themes. But what do they truly mean from a biblical perspective? While much emphasis is placed on individualized discipleship, the role of preaching in shaping disciples is often overlooked.

Expository preaching seeks to transform believers into Christlike disciples through effective applications and powerful illustrations relative to the biblical text. But how can we draw contemporary life parallels that help Christians become obedient followers of Jesus Christ? The skill of applying ancient texts to the modern world is one that can be developed. It requires hard work and creative insight to demonstrate the relevance of Scripture in our lives today.

This seminar will equip you with a strategy for applying and illustrating biblical texts for today's listeners. Participants will learn practical steps to preach messages the Holy Spirit can use to shape individuals into disciples of Christ. Join us to discover how to make your preaching a vital part of the disciple-making process.



Tuesday, September 9, 2025

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

East Auburn Baptist Church

**560 Park Avenue
Auburn, ME 04210**

Seminar Schedule

8:00 am - 8:30 am
Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 am - noon
Session 1

noon - 1:00 pm
Lunch

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Session 2

**Pre-registration is required
and available on our website at:
RephidimProject.org**

The cost for your conference participation has been covered by others as a gift to encourage you in your ministry.