Sermon Discussion – 20 September 2026

Read *Acts 2:42-47; 2 Timothy 4:1-5*

Getting Started

Sometimes we evaluate churches based on things like coffee, lighting, temperature, music volume, or chairs. When you visit a new restaurant, coffee shop, or hotel, what is your personal "rate-it" meter? What is the first detail you tend to notice?

Think of a time you received incredible news (a job offer, an engagement, a birth). Were you eager to act as a "herald" and broadcast it right away, or did you wait? What makes news so exciting that you *have* to share it?

Group Discussion

- What does it look like practically to be ready to share God's Word "in season and out of season"? Can you share a time you had to do this when it felt inconvenient or unexpected?

- Paul lists four actions: preach, reprove (correct), rebuke (warn), and exhort (encourage). Which of these do you find the most difficult to do, and why?

- Why is understanding a preacher/believer as a herald different from seeing them as a motivational speaker or discussion leader? How does this change how we listen to sermons?

- Re-read v. 3-4. What are some subtle ways modern culture pressures Christians or churches to edit or tone down biblical truth to satisfy "itching ears"?

- Which of Paul's four commands in v. 5 feels most challenging to you in your current season of life, and why?

Personal Reflection

- How can you audit your spiritual intake (podcasts, books, sermons) to ensure you are feeding on sound doctrine that corrects and shapes you, rather than just entertaining you?

- What is the specific "ministry" God has entrusted to you right now (in your home, workplace, or community), and what would it look like for you to fulfil it faithfully this week?