**How to Eat a Sermon**

**Week 4: The Entree**

**A definition of preaching in three parts, with biblical examples**

**Appetizer:**

Which course in a multi-course meal is your favorite? (appetizer, soup and salad, entrée, dessert…)

**Main Course:**

1. Read Nehemiah 8. Ezra first came to Jerusalem in 458 BC for the purpose of teaching the Law (see Ezra 7:6-10). Why do you suppose it has taken 13 years until this general assembly in 445 BC for him to fully and publicly proclaim its truth?
2. How do the people first respond to hearing the Word?
3. Why can’t the lay people understand it on their own? What happens when they do?
4. What is God’s message? (1 Corinthians 1:17, Romans 1:16)
5. Russell said, “Preaching is making clear God’s message on God’s behalf.” Are just preachers called to make God’s message clear on God’s behalf? (2 Corinthians 5:20)
6. In what way can you be an ambassador for Christ?

**To-Go Bag: Do one of these application activities if you are able.**

Prepare -- Read Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis or read the Gospel of Mark. Remind yourself of the gospel of Jesus.

Declare – Tell a child, a friend or a co-worker what Jesus has done for you. Share your God-story.

Care – Be an ambassador for Christ. Show the gospel of grace through acts of kindness.