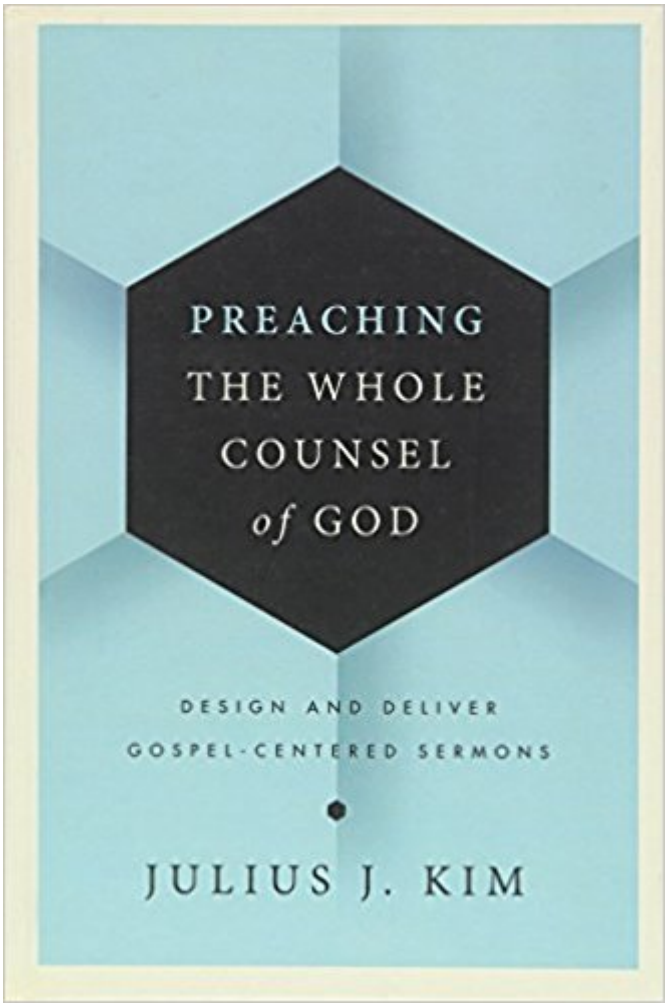
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Julius KimÃ¢â ¬â„¢s many years of teaching and modeling biblical preaching combine with a keen mind and a caring heart to provide this excellent and highly accessible resource for preaching the whole counsel of God. Among the bookÃ¢â ¬â„¢s many fine features are its commitment to seeing the whole Bible as a revelation of GodÃ¢â ¬â„¢s redemptive message and its great suggestions for communicating these truths to contemporary culture. -- Bryan Chapell, Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL; President Emeritus, Covenant SeminaryIf Christ is the one Ã¢â ¬Å“in whom and for whomÃ¢â ¬Â• everything has been created, faithful sermons ought to illuminate this reality. They ought to manifest the ways in which all of life is held together Ã¢â ¬Å“in ChristÃ¢â ¬Â• and the manner in which the great story of Scripture is likewise glued together Ã¢â ¬Å“in Christ.Ã¢â ¬Â• Julius Kim has done a marvelous job in bringing this conviction to life and making it so practical that no preacher worth their salt will miss it. And every listener of sermons will see why

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Don’t know Julius Kim, so this review is in no way a judgment on him. But, when you put something out there for public consumption, you’re putting yourself out there. So . . .Chapters 8, 9, 10 are good and add something to the ongoing conversation regarding good preaching. The rest? Been there, read that. Practically, while the FCF (Fallen Condition Focus) is very valid, the CFC (Christ Focused Connection) seems a bit forced. The book is also repetitious, which is good for lectures and speaking, but not for writing (where one can look back over the material). I also think Dr. Kim would have benefited from remembering the "5 B’s" of writing and speaking: "Be Brief, Brother, Be Brief!". I

do very much appreciate how Zondervan allowed the footnotes to be on the same page as the text. It’s SO annoying to have to page back and forth between text and endnotes. Overall, I thought Timothy Keller’s "Preaching" book (and especially the appendix on "Writing An Expository Message") offers more bang for the buck.

Appreciate Kim’s clarity in teaching the importance of Preaching Christ with truth, goodness, and beauty. Chapter 8 was especially beneficial concerning the neuroscience of preaching. Worth the read.

I try to read different books on preaching each year. This is a great one! If I taught a class on preaching, this would be on my required reading list.

Very good introductory book on preaching. Julius Kim strikes a much needed balance in this book between the content of the sermon and the delivery of that content. After Bryan Chapell’s book on Christ-Centered Preaching, this is one of the better introductory works to preaching that I have read.

Very good textbook for a homiletics course...

This book will help everyone-students and teachers alike-who desire to grow in their ability both to accurately understand and effectively communicate the gospel of grace.

Around nine years ago I had the opportunity to take a preaching class from Julius Kim, now I have the opportunity to review his first book on homiletics: "Preaching the Whole Counsel of God" (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2015). This book is a detailed introduction to preaching and also includes some helpful notes on interpreting Scripture. Basically, itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s an in-depth but concise resource for interpreting and preaching GodÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s Word from a Reformation point of view.The book has four main parts: 1) ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Discovering the truth of the text according to the human author,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• 2) ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Discerning Christ in the text according to the divine author,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• 3) ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Designing the sermon according to truth, goodness, and beauty,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• and 4) ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Delivering the sermon for attention, retention, integration, and transformation.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• In these chapters, Kim emphasizes prayer, serious textual study, a Christ-centered study and sermon emphasis, sermon structure, application, illustration, and delivery (just to name the main parts). I appreciate this book because it

is balanced: Kim does a nice job of touching all the bases, so to speak. There are even two example sermons for the reader to study.Although this book is under 250 pages, there is a lot of information between the covers! I appreciated the section on the design and delivery of the sermon, where Kim gave 12 points on how the brain hears, retains, and listens to speakers. For example, since studies (and experience!) have shown the brain can only retain so much, preachers should avoid preaching ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“fire-hoseÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• sermons, where info gushes out like crazy. This material on neuroscience and hearing/listening was mostly new to me, so I found it quite interesting and helpfulIf youÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve read other preaching books, some of the parts of this book will be a review. This book, like most preaching books, talks about outline, structure, illustrations, application, and eye contact (for a few examples); though I had read or heard some of this material before, I appreciated reading it as a reminder of good study, sermon writing, and preaching habits.Do you need a Reformed, Christ-centered, and detailed introduction to preaching the Word? I very much recommend this one: "Preaching the Whole Counsel of God."

"Preaching The Whole Counsel of God" by Julius Kim is a good title for anyone wanting to improve their presentation skills. While targeted towards pastors, anyone whose responsibilities include presentations, this title will help. The book is around 220 pages and covers such topics as:1. 4 features of Old Testament narratives.2. Features of Old Testament Poetry and the Book of Psalms.3. Features of the Gospels.4. Using truth, beauty, and goodness in the presentation of sermons.5. 3 components of sermon construction.6. Strategies for using illustrations.7. Establishing credibility with your hearers.8. Practical tips such as: drinking warm water or tea instead of cold water or coffee before giving a presentation.The narrative flows freely from chapter to chapter and contains much helpful information for any kind of presenter. I will use this resource for future reference as I prepare presentations. Recommended.

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