I REALLY ENJOYED THAT SERMON…

* “Good job.”
  + We certainly appreciate compliments and encouragement
  + But that’s not why we do it…
* Why do we preach?
* Preaching was never meant as a form of entertainment, and its purpose is not to provide enjoyment to audience.
  + Focus is to impact hearts.
  + 2 Tim. 4:2 (convince, rebuke, encourage, with utmost patience in teaching)
  + 1 Tim. 4:13
  + Tit. 2:15
* Different elements of preaching
  + Convince – Cause someone to believe firmly in the truth of something
  + Rebuke – Express sharp disapproval or criticism of someone because of their behavior or actions
  + Encourage – Give support, confidence, hope
  + Exhort – Strongly encourage or urge someone to do something
* Acts 2
  + v. 14 – exhort
  + v. 16-35 – convince
  + v. 36 – rebuke
  + v. 39-40 - exhort
* Acts 7
  + v. 51 – rebuke
* Acts 17
  + v. 22 – encourage
  + v. 23-29 – convince
  + v. 30-31 – exhort
* 3 sermons—3 different reactions
  + Athenians came closest to “enjoying” a sermon
  + Our preaching should demonstrate these elements & be like 2 Tim. 3:16, based in scripture and profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness, so that we are equipped for every good work.
  + Instead of praying for a “ready recollection”, let’s pray that our preaching is what we need to hear to improve, benefitting us all, and converting the lost.