

B. Differences Between Teaching and Preaching.

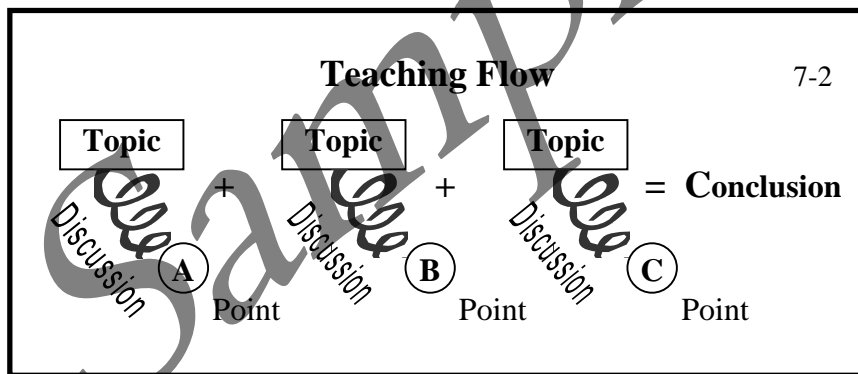
(Suggested teaching time: 15 minutes)

1. **Differences in purpose.**

- a. *Teaching* comes from a word in the New Testament that implies "grounding" or "expounding."
 - The primary purpose of teaching is to ground the audience in truth or to elaborate on truth in a detailed manner.
- b. *Preaching* comes from a word in the New Testament that means "exhorting" or "proclaiming."
 - The primary purpose of preaching is to stir up the audience by making a truth plain and to urge them toward a God-appointed goal.

Tell your group that this discussion on teaching and preaching is highly general. Styles vary greatly between individuals, and many people blend teaching and preaching styles to come up with styles of their own.

2. **Differences of flow.**



← Show Transparency 7-2.

Use this transparency to illustrate the difference in the flow between teaching and preaching when delivering the Word.

a. **Teaching flow is generally more structured and deliberate:**

- There is a focused theme or point to the teaching.
- There are several examples given in the teaching, each followed by a discussion, leading to a point.
- The points all act together as evidence to support a conclusion.
- The style concentrates on details and usually leads the person to the point by telling them what the truth is.