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*The Practices of Christian Preaching*

**Chapter 3 Teacher Video Discussion Questions**

**Preach Contextually**

1. Kenyatta Gilbert reminded us that even though we are “second-hand interpreters, our own voices should matter in the conversation that is continually unfolding.” What are some of the forces that work *against* this perspective on preaching and why do you think these forces exist?
2. Jared Alcántara claimed that relevance is more about presence than about being current on everything. That stated, preachers should not be totally oblivious to the world around them. In what ways should preachers be current? Also, where do you think we should draw the line?
3. Ahmi Lee argued that a global perspective “expands our view of God and of theology.” If you asked questions like, “What is God doing around the world?” how would that impact your process of contextualization?
4. Jerusha Matsen Neal talked about how some of the pastors she met with at a conference interacted with members of the congregation on a weekly basis in order to reflect on the previous sermon and study the passage for the next week. How does a practice like this help us get better at contextualization? Why do you think it “reinvigorated the preaching” of the pastors that Dr. Matsen Neal met?