Homiletics – Online

Syllabus

Course # Acts12:24 1009

Homiletics

Attribute/s of Outcome Based Ordination this course addresses
- Possess the ability to practically apply learning. They model an ability to make complex theology understandable to all, to find God's redemptive activity in daily life, and to deepen faith through real-life experiences.
- Exhibit Biblical understanding. They possess holistic Biblical knowledge, have a Wesleyan hermeneutic that accepts the authority of Scripture, and demonstrate their ability to root their Wesleyan worldview in the Bible.

Expected Outcomes
Cognitive
1. To discover the nature and meaning of preaching according to the Bible.
2. To learn what makes a good and relevant sermon.

Behavioral
3. To learn how to communicate the truth of the Word in a clear and concise way.
4. To learn by experience how to move from the exegesis of the text to the crafting and delivering of the sermon itself.

Afferent
5. To learn how to evaluate sermons in terms of biblical authority and effectiveness.
6. To learn from others new ideas about preaching and sermons.
7. To learn what a biblical sermon is and to understand its power.

General Description:

An introductory classroom experience dealing with the call to preach; the spiritual formation of the preacher; picture preaching; sermon preparation resources; the creation of sermon introductions, bodies and conclusions; the techniques of public communication for our time.

Course Texts:

Keller, Timothy. <u>Preaching</u>. New York, NY. Penguin Books, 2016.

Kinlaw, Dennis F., <u>Preaching in the Spirit</u>. Anderson, IN: Francis Asbury Press, 1985. Available as an eBook from Amazon.

Stanley, Andy & Lane Jones. <u>Communicating for a Change</u>. Multnomah, 2006.

Grading Scale:

90-100 %- A
80-90 % -B
70-80 % - C
70 % and below – F

Assignments and grading:

1. Do all assigned readings and submit signed acknowledgement – 10%
2. Personal Reflection Assignments on the Community Church Planting and Omega preaching readings– 10%
3. Write a 2-3 page reflection paper the top 5 insights you gained from "Preaching" and how you will apply these to your preaching ministry – 20%
4. Write a 2-3 page reflection paper the top 5 insights you gained from "Preaching in the Spirit" and how you will apply these to your preaching ministry – 20%
5. Write a 2-3 page reflection paper the top 5 insights you gained from "Communicating for a Change" and how you will apply these to your preaching ministry – 20%
6. Preach twice during this course. You will work with your senior pastor or mentor to schedule this time. You can meet with them as much as needed for these sermons. That pastor or mentor should complete the provided Sermon Evaluation Form (available on the online course introduction area).
   a. If you are the appointed senior pastor at your church, you should have one of your delegates or board members complete the evaluation form. You should plan to review their evaluations within one week of preaching the sermon. Have the pastor or mentor submit this evaluation to Pastor.Tupper@Gmail.com — 20%

Assigned Readings before each Class Session:

1. ## Community Church Planting & Omega

   - Read Homiletics - CCP Course Handbook
   - Read Homiletics - Omega Course Handbook

As you read this section, have these questions in mind:
- Think about one of the best preachers you have heard. What characteristics of their preaching style or content made it effective?
- What can you learn from the recorded preaching of Jesus, Paul, & Peter?

2. ## Keller - Preaching

   - Read "Preaching" by Keller – Submit your Preaching reflection assignment prior to continuing on to the next section.

3. ## Church Ministries

   - Read "Preaching in the Spirit" by Kinlaw – Submit your Preaching in the Spirit reflection assignment prior to continuing on to the next section.

4. ## Pastoral Personal Care

   - Read "Communicating for a Change" by Stanley – Submit your Preaching reflection assignment.