

Homiletics



Classroom Hours: 24 (minimum)

Description/Overview:

Homiletics, (the science and art of composing and preaching sermons) is known as the “dynamics” of preaching. A sermon is more than words inserted into a formula but is a dynamic (moving, effective, energetic) force for proclaiming the Word of God. Students will learn the mechanics of good sermon preparation as well as receive principles of Christian faith enabling them to fill each sermon with life-changing power.

Objectives:

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1.) Define homiletics as the science or art of preaching sermons.
- 2.) Understand that preaching is art, active, rescuing, powerful, and exciting.
- 3.) Explain why preaching matters.
- 4.) Defend preaching as God’s chosen method of sharing His message from the very beginning.
- 5.) Illustrate various ways to hear from the Spirit of God.
- 6.) Consider how God must first feed the preacher, so that he might in turn feed his flock.
- 7.) Express the role impact of hypocrisy on a sermon, congregation, and preacher himself.
- 8.) List from memory the ten principles for choosing a sermon topic.
- 9.) Identify the ten commandments of good communication.
- 10.) Relate the anointing of God to a preacher’s character, message, and passion.
- 11.) Recite from memory ten or more types of illustrations.
- 12.) Assess the various reasons for using illustrations in a sermon.

Topics / Concepts:

- The necessity of man in the preaching of the gospel, and why God chooses to use mere men instead of angels.
- The various components of a preached message: the preacher, the audience, the message itself, and the outcome.
- The priorities of highly effective preachers.
- Measuring each task of the week against God’s clear and given purpose for the individual life.
- The various steps a preacher must “climb” before he ever reaches the platform to deliver his message such as maintaining a healthy family life, prayer, fasting, etc.
- The biggest challenge in preaching which is not the preparation of the sermon, but the preparation of the preacher.
- God’s expectations of those who abide in His sanctuary according to Psalm 15.
- Ecclesiastes 10:10 and how it relates to the topic of good preaching.
- What the anointing is, what the anointing is not, and outward symbols of inward anointing.

Recommended Primary Textbook(s):

Dynamics of Preaching – James Poitras

Recommended Alternatives:

Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:

- 1.) What is Preaching?
- 2.) The Preachers Priorities
- 3.) Lord! Make Me a Better Preacher!
- 4.) Let the Preacher First Be Fed!
- 5.) What Happens When We Preach?
- 6.) The Preacher's Message
- 7.) The Preacher's Communication Style
- 8.) The Preacher's Anointing
- 9.) Sermon Illustrations
- 10.) Using Illustrations Effectively

Languages Available:

Course Packet Resources:

Comments:

Date of Last Revision: