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MIN222 Homiletics

Mission Statement

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Course Description

Preparing and Preaching Bible Messages is designed to give a clear understanding of the basic principles of Christian preaching. It stresses the prime place of biblical exposition in authoritatively communicating the Christian message. It deals with practical matters such as the preparation of the sermon, the sources of materials, the construction of the components of the sermon, the variety of sermon types, and the delivery of sermons. It also stresses the importance of the preacher himself in the effective communication of his message.

Resources

You will use *Preparing and Preaching Bible Messages*, an Independent- Study Textbook by Ian R. Hall as both the textbook and study guide for the course. You will also use *The Holy Bible*. Bible quotations are from the New International Version (NIV), 1978 edition, unless otherwise noted. Quotations from the King James Version are noted as KJV. Most assignments require you to access the Global University Library Web site or other academic resources. Instructions for accessing the Library Web site are provided in the Undergraduate Writing Assignment Guidelines (UWAG) in the Student Packet. If you are enrolled in this course for three credits, the third credit will be earned by completing a collateral reading assignment (CRA). This assignment is based on the textbook *Old Wine in New Wineskins: Doctrinal Preaching in a Changing World* by Millard J. Erickson and James L. Heflin. The instructions for completing the CRA are in the Student Packet.

Objectives

The key concepts presented in the lesson are derived from the objectives. Study each objective carefully as you begin each lesson. First, identify the key concepts presented in the objective, and second, identify what each objective is asking you to do with the key concepts. For example, in the objective, Assess the positive and negative ways that colonialism affected the spread of Christianity, the key concept is colonialism affected Christianity. In this objective you are asked to assess positive and negative ways—or show the good and bad effects colonialism had on the spread of Christianity.

Course Procedures

Classroom lectures, group discussion, audio-visual presentations, handouts, and case studies constitute some of the various methods that will be utilized in order to attain the course objectives

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Course Introduction

Preaching is the one subject that combines biblical and theological studies and applies them to the purpose of ministry—evangelization of the lost. It is through preaching that man is brought to Christ and established in His Word. Preaching, therefore, must always remain at the center of one's ministry focus.

In this course you will begin by studying the place and purpose of preaching in the church. You will discover examples of preaching in both history and Scripture. Then you will focus on preaching as it relates to you in your preaching ministry. You will also examine the call of God and how it affects the place that preaching will have in your ministry. In addition, you will note that not only is it important for the preacher to understand the tools and mechanics of preaching, but also for him to prepare himself physically, mentally, and spiritually for this task. In these lessons, then, you will study the practical aspects of setting preaching goals. You will also learn how to schedule time for sermon organization and personal devotions as well as for rest and relaxation, for only as the minister takes care of himself is he able to help others. T

These lessons present a clear, step-by-step approach to sermon preparation. They will teach you how to research, categorize, outline, and deliver biblical messages. Since this course also focuses on the hearer—the people to whom you minister—it will help you to be sensitive to the needs of your congregation. So if you allow God to speak to you through these lessons, He will use you to preach well-planned, balanced, and relevant messages that will help the people to whom you minister grow in grace and be effective in Christian service.

The preaching ministry, though extremely rewarding, is not an easy task. It demands that you be the best you can be. It demands the best you can give. We pray that you will accept this challenge as you take part in fulfilling the Great Commission.