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PR 610 “The Servant As Proclaimer”

Fall Semester 2004: Thursday, 9 – 12

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The purpose of this course is to assist people in getting excited about the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and proclaiming Him to be the help and the hope of the world. Phillips Brooks said, “Preaching ... is the bringing of truth through personality” and with that in mind, this course is designed to help preachers to claim that “Truth” with an authority and to proclaim it with all their heart, mind, soul and strength.

The class will be interactive and participatory. We will learn what one must know and have before we can be effective in the pulpit. We will share ideas and discuss the text, “The Witness of Preaching” by Dr. Thomas G. Long . It will be important for the class to develop as a trusted group of future professionals as we will share our story and will kindly critique each other.

One of the aims of the course will be to discover that the preaching of the sermon is the significant part of the ministry of a called pastor. Preaching is the main thing for our ministry and must be an outgrowth of daily devotion, pastoral care, constant study and life experience. Preaching is a delightful responsibility and deserves our main focus as a preacher in a local church.

REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Class attendance is a must.
- 2 Reading the text, “The Witness of Preaching” by Thomas Long and “Narrative Reading, Narrative Preaching” by Joel Green and Michael Pasquarello
- 3 Outside Reading of at least 1200 pages to be selected from the reading list. A report of at least 120 pages read each week should be turned in at the class session.
- 4 Preach at least two sermons to the class.
- 5 A research paper on sermons that are “Timeless and Timely”.
- 6 Chapel Attendance each week is a requirement. An evaluation of each sermon should be prepared.

OBJECTIVES

1. To discover how to proclaim the Gospel in a way that will call the Church to a faith filled relationship to Jesus Christ, each other and the world.
2. To discover how to write a sermon from start to end with theological integrity, Biblical wisdom, sensitivity and Holy living.
3. To attain preaching skills that will effectively articulate the person of Jesus Christ and Kingdom responsibility.

4. To assist the student in claiming the gift of the Holy Spirit and the God given authority to proclaim the Gospel of Truth to all people.

GRADING

1. 20% of grade will be based on reading performance.
2. 20% of grade will be based on term paper
3. 20% of grade will be based on class participation.
4. 40% of grade will be based on Sermons prepared and preached.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Session 1 Introducing the Course and Each Other Assigning of Lectionary

Session 2 More of Introducing Each Other

Session 3 Getting Started on the Sermon.

Session 4 The Conclusion

Session 5 The Body of the Sermon

Session 6 5 Students to preach.

Session 7 5 Students to preach

Session 8 5 Students to preach.

Session 9 2nd round of sermons

Session 10 2nd round of sermons

Session 11 2nd round of sermons

Session 12 Final Exam