

Seminar on Expository Preaching (86810)

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Seminar Description:

An exploration of the science and art of biblical exegesis for the purpose of expository proclamation of scripture. Historical and contemporary theories and models of expository preaching will be examined.

Seminar Objectives:

- To provide an environment of research for Ph.D. students on the biblical, historical, and theological aspects of expository preaching.
- To provide a philosophical foundation for reflecting on expository preaching.
- To develop a reasoned response to challenges to expository preaching.
- To familiarize students with the present status of scholarship in expository preaching.
- To glorify God by loving him more comprehensively with the mind.

Requirements and Procedure:

1. Attendance at all seminar sessions is mandatory. Seminar participants may be excused for serious illness or circumstances such as would warrant a last minute excuse from preaching a sermon in church.
2. Seminar participants are expected to acquire a working knowledge of the field of expository preaching. Note the attached bibliography as a beginning.
3. Write up a 5 – 7 page review of each of the required textbooks. Bottom line, I want evidence of the fact you read, comprehend, and remember the books! **NOTE: The list of books may change somewhat, based on what books have been used in other seminars.**
4. Present a book review/digest of one or two of the books on expository preaching as assigned by the professor. The digest should be prepared in such a way that 1) it extracts the outline content of the book; 2) the digest could serve as classroom lecture notes; 3) it contains a two page appendix of the most significant quotes of the book. Page numbers should accompany each quote. The digest will probably be in the range of 15 pages. Your presentation should be both review (50%) and discussion (50%).
5. Organize an initial research bibliography of approximately 10 – 15 journal or online articles and 5-10 books about a particular topic of expository preaching. Present a copy of your bibliography to the professor and to each of the other seminar participants in proper style

(Turabian). This assignment will be due on the sixth week of the seminar. Then, at an assigned time, present to the class the contours of the debate/issue that you researched. Share whatever conclusions you have drawn.

Issues include:

- The definition of expository preaching
- Is expository preaching a style, a methodology, or goal?
- The place of Christ in preaching OT passages
- Doctrinal preaching and expository preaching
- The role of delivery skills and rhetoric in exposition
- Can one be an expositor without basic knowledge of original languages?
- The necessity of application in exposition
- The role of the Holy Spirit in expository preaching
- Contemporary models/practitioners of exposition who have an impact
- Hershael York's pastoral preaching—does he preach what he teaches? (analysis, not biblio)
- Contemporary challenges to exposition from within conservative circles
- Preaching as Worship

6. Write a fully documented 25-page research paper explaining your approach to Expository Preaching as though this were the outline of a book or a class on expository preaching. You will append to this a sermon manuscript which serves as a model of your method. You will make a presentation of your paper and sermon on the assigned date given by your professor. Copies of your paper/sermon are to be distributed to all seminar participants at least one day prior to your presentation.

Seminar Grade:

Grades will be given according to the seminary's letter grading scale. Failure to be prepared for a seminar class will diminish one's overall grade, as will failure to turn in an assignment on time. Students are expected to maintain a disciplined reading schedule. Excuses for not doing reading, research, or writing will not be accepted by your professor anymore than your congregation would accept it if you were not prepared to preach on Sunday and informed them thus on a particular day of worship. If you develop a serious or long-term illness, please call the professor immediately.

The overall grade will be assigned by the professor reflecting the quality of each participant's completion of the requirements listed above. Grades below B are not sufficient for credit in the Ph.D. program.

Textbooks:

Anderson, Kenton C. *Choosing to Preach: A Comprehensive Introduction to Sermon Options and Structures*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006.

Cahill, Dennis M. *The Shape of Preaching: Theory and Practice in Sermon Design*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2007.

Chapel, Bryan. *Christ-Centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994.

Goldsworthy, Graeme. *Preaching the Whole Bible As Christian Scripture: The Application of Biblical Theology to Expository Preaching*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.

Greidanus, Sidney. *Preaching Christ from the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999.

Greidanus, Sidney. *The Modern Preacher and the Ancient Text*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1988.

Heisler, Greg. *Spirit-Led Preaching: The Holy Spirit's Role in Sermon Preparation and Delivery*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2007.

Kaiser, Walter, C., Jr. *Toward an Exegetical Theology: Biblical Exegesis for Preaching and Teaching*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1981.

Leifield, Walter L. *New Testament Exposition: From Text to Sermon*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1984.

McDill, Wayne. *The 12 Essential Skills for Great Preaching*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 1994.

Quicke, Michael. *360-Degree Preaching: Hearing, Speaking, and Living the Word*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2003

Richard, Ramesh. *Scripture Sculpture*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995.

Robinson, Haddon W. *Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1980.

Sunukjian, Donald. *Invitation to Biblical Preaching: Proclaiming Truth with Clarity and Relevance (Invitation to Theological Studies Series)*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2007.

Vines, Jerry and Jim Shaddix. *Power in the Pulpit: How to Prepare and Deliver Expository Sermons*. Chicago: Moody, 1999.

Schedule:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic or Assignment</u>
Week 1	2-2	Introduction and discussion of course expectations
Week 2	2-9	Book Review/Digest #1 and #2
Week 3	2-16	Book Review/Digest #3 and #4
Week 4	2-23	Book Review/Digest #5 and #6
Week 5	3-2	Book Review/Digest #7 and #8
Week 6	3-9	Book Review/Digest #9 and #10
Week 7	3-16	Presentation of Research Paper/Sermon
Week 8	3-23	Presentation of Research Paper/Sermon
Week 9	3-30	Presentation of Research Paper/Sermon
Week 10	3-29	Presentation of Research Paper/Sermon
Week 11	4-13	Presentation of Research Paper/Sermon
Week 12	4-20	Presentation of Research Paper/Sermon
Week 13	4-27	Presentation of Research Paper/Sermon
Week 14	5-4	Presentation of Research Paper/Sermon