

PH.D. IN CHRISTIAN PREACHING
Field Essay Study Guide
School of Theology

The Field Essay Examination in Preaching will include two or more questions from which the applicant must select and answer one. The resulting essay must demonstrate a basic understanding of the discipline of biblical preaching including its theology, history and methodologies. The applicant should demonstrate an ability to think critically and to present a cogent argument through careful reasoning and orderly arrangement. The essay should include support from the Bible, theology, history, philosophy, rhetoric, communication theory, the social sciences and any other relevant disciplines related to the public proclamation of Scripture. Graders will consider the applicant's ability to employ proper grammar, syntax, and a clear writing style.

Preparation for the Field Essay should include reading the following books:

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

Decker, Bert. *You've Got to Be Believed -to Be Heard* St. Martin's Press, 1993.

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

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

Stott, John R. W. *Between Two Worlds.* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1982.