

Preaching with Authority

Course Overview

“The great design and intention of the office of a Christian preacher is to restore the throne and dominion of God in the souls of men.”
(Cotton Mather)

Course Grading (only those with a 75 or higher will pass)

1. Write and preach two sermons (40%)
2. Attendance (15%)
3. Listen to all messages related to the course (15%)
4. Final Exam (20%)
5. Homework (5%)
6. Read “The Supremacy of God in Preaching” (5%)

Subject 1 (Foundation)

Potential topics: The call to preaching, the authority to preach, Reformed theology, being a reader, being resourceful.

Subject 2 (Preparation)

Potential topics: Types of Sermons, less is more, outline styles, getting the unction, use of resources and commentaries, sermons born out of the spirit.

Subject 3 (Delivery)

Potential Topics to discuss: the anointing to preach, engaging the audience, use of humor, things to avoid, spontaneity of the Spirit.

For homework and readings, go to <http://christianlee.com/therock>

Resources

The man who never reads will never be read; he who never quotes will never be quoted. He who will not use the thoughts of other men’s brains, proves that he has no brains of his own.
(C.H. Spurgeon)

Reformed Theology Resources:

1. James Montgomery Boice (http://www.oneplace.com/ministries/The_Bible_Study_Hour/)
The late Dr. Boice used to host “The Bible Study Hour” from 1969 until his death in 2000. He was a wonderful speaker and author for Reformed Theology as well as Bible inerrancy for many years.
2. John Piper (<http://desiringgod.org>)
Piper is one of the best authors of reformed theology. There are few outspoken champions of Calvinism around today, but Piper is unafraid to present his case. Authoritative yet humble, his passion for missions and the supremacy of Christ is evident in all his writings. He’s also listed below as an excellent resource for expository preaching.
3. Kendall, R.T. (<http://rtkendallministries.com>)
R.T. used to serve as the pastor of Westminster Chapel in London for 25 years. He’s written numerous books and he predicts that the last days will find a resurgence of young people committed to both the supernatural gifts of the Spirit and the Reformed doctrines of theology.
4. R.C. Sproul (<http://ligonier.org>)
I think R.C. is one of the best teachers of reformed theology. His radio show “Renewing Your Mind” and his many books have built a solid foundation in many for Reformed Theology.

Charismatic Resources:

1. Andres Bissoni (<http://abm.cc>)
Many videos of his powerful revival meetings from all over the world.
2. Patricia King (<http://www.extremeprophetic.com>)
Patricia has a great teaching ministry on many charismatic topics and she hosts several supernatural type conference throughout the year.
3. Rodney Howard Browne (<http://www.revival.com>)
This man carries one of the strongest anointings I’ve ever seen. Although he’s South African, he’s been responsible for sparking revival fires all across America. His books are to the point and his revival videos will open your eyes to the power of God!
4. Sid Roth (<http://sidroth.org>)
Sid is a Messianic Jew with a hunger for the supernatural workings of God in the world. He interviews many key figures in the charismatic movement on his daily radio show, available for free on podcast via iTunes. He’s like the Christian Larry King.

Resources on Preaching:

1. Piper, John. “The Supremacy of God in Preaching”. Baker Books, MI: 1990.
2. Robinson, Haddon W. “Biblical Preaching – 2nd ed”. Baker Academic, MI: 1980, 2001.
3. Spurgeon, Charles. “The Spurgeon Archive”. <http://spurgeon.org>.
4. Wiersbe, Warren. “The Dynamics of Preaching”. Baker Books, MI: 1999.

Great Preachers (available via iTunes):

1. Great expository preaching (John Piper, desiringgod.org)
2. Great authoritative, bold preaching (Joel Stockstill, 220power.com)
3. Great inspirational preaching (Joel Osteen, joelosteen.com)
4. Culturally relevant preaching (Mark Driscoll, marshallchurch.org)