

Joint Syllabus:

Preaching II (4PT522/1)

Preaching II Lab (4PT524/1)

<Spring 2009>

"The hardest thing about preaching is the first 60 years"
[John Chapman, Moore Theological College, Sydney]¹

Syllabus

INSTRUCTOR

Dr Bruce Lowe has pastored in numerous different situations (University Ministry, Youth Ministry, Church Revitalization). In addition to this his PhD work has focused on ancient rhetoric. He is greatly desirous that graduates communicate well.

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COURSES DESCRIBED

In Preaching II, you will build upon the theory learned in Preaching I. In this course there will be much more emphasis placed on communicative devices – e.g. repetition, metaphors. We will hear from current day pastors as well as great speakers of the past to illustrate each of these and derive theoretical instruction from one of the great speaking handbooks of history. In all ways the aim will be to introduce students to speaking tools which they will be able to employ for the rest of their life and ministry.

Preaching II Lab will be much the same as Preaching I Lab. From the second Tuesday onwards, we have students present their 20 minute talks, followed by preparation for the following week's talks. In this way students will be helped to reinforce the process of sermon preparation with each other.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

¹ Until recently it was "the first 50 years"... Chapman himself has now preached for more than 50 years, and is still learning...

1. That students will build upon their basic skills, adding skills in communication.
2. That students will take a self-critical, humble and long-term perspective to preaching.
3. That students will learn the importance of “speaking naturally” and different devices.

READING

Lewis Copeland (Editor), et al., *The World's Great Speeches: Fourth Enlarged* (4th Edition; Dover Books, 1999) ISBN#: 9780486409030

Cicero (Author), Harry Caplan (Translator) *Rhetorica ad Herennium* (Loeb Classical Library No. 403) (Hardcover) ISBN#: 9780674994447

Dennis Johnson, *Him We Proclaim: Preaching Christ from All the Scriptures* (P&R, 2007) ISBN#: 9781596380547

ASSESSMENT – PREACHING II (4PT522/1)

- 5%** Attendance of Saturday Class (Weeks 8-9)² **March 21st**
- 40%** Summary of *Rhetorica ad Herennium* pp275-411 **due April 14th in class**³
- 40%** Review of 17 Speeches **due May 19th in class**⁴
- 15%** Review of Johnson’s book; **due June 3rd (midnight – emailed to me)**⁵

ASSESSMENT – PREACHING II LAB (4PT524/1)

- 10%** Review of other student’s sermons. **Due before the following week**
- 40%** 20 minute Sermon preached in class on assigned text... and the ability to include material covered in Preaching I & II; **due dates, vary from student to student.**

² There will be five different exercises which must be handed in by the next class. The Saturday class is important to the course and marks will be given for student’s attendance at this class.

³ A five page summary (in your own words) of the relevant pages. The aim of this assignment is to cement in your minds the different devices so you will have an easy reference guide for your future use of them.

⁴ One figure from *Rhetorica Herennium* must be chosen and written about – 10 pages double spaced maximum.

⁵ The students will be asked to pick 18 different speeches as well as weekly readings from other books. In the last class the Professor will review the books to see the work done by the students.

50%

“Improved Sermon” Assignment; due June 10th (midnight – emailed).⁶

⁶ Sermon from Romans 13 must be reviewed by students submitted to the Professor. Marks will be given based on the student’s ability to use the devices to *improve* their old sermon as well as applying these devices to sections they have not yet written. **STUDENTS GRADUATING WILL NEED TO SUBMIT THIS BY JUNE 4TH IF THEY WISH TO GRADUATE JUNE 6TH.**

WHEN IS THE COURSE BEING RUN?

Saturdays 21st of March; 8:30am – 3:30pm (Lunch 11:30-12:30)

Tuesday 3rd February to Tuesday 26th May (excluding 7th April [Week of Easter]); 6pm to 9pm.

General Outline

Session	Date	Class Lectures
P1	F3	“Repetition”
P2	F10	“Rhetorical Questions/Conversations”
P3	F17	“Simple English”
P4	F24	“Metaphors/Allegory”
P5	M3	“Reasoned Maxims”
P6	M10	“Storytelling”
P7	M17	“Storytelling / Softness or Frankness” Preparation for first week of Sermons.
P8&9	M21	[P-5% Attendance] <u>SATURDAY CLASS: Various other “Figures”</u>
L1	M24	[Reminder: “Repetition”] Preparation for next week.
L2	M31	[Reminder: “Q&A”] SERMON PRESENTATIONS (3 People) Preparation for next week.
	A7	Week of Easter
L3		[P-40% “Review of Speeches” Assignments Due]

	A14	[Reminder: "Conversations"] SERMON PRESENTATIONS (3 People) Preparation for next week.
L4	A21	[Reminder: "Simple English"] SERMON PRESENTATIONS (3 People) SERMON #2 INTRODUCTION
L5	A28	[Reminder: "Metaphors"] SERMON PRESENTATIONS (3 People) SERMON #2 INTRODUCTION
L6	M5	[Reminder: "Reasoned Maxims"] SERMON PRESENTATIONS (3 People) Preparation for next week.
L7	M12	[Reminder: "Story telling"] SERMON PRESENTATIONS (3 People) Preparation for next week.
L8	M19	[P-40% "Review of Speeches" Assignments Due] [Reminder: "Other figures"] SERMON PRESENTATIONS (3 People) Preparation for next week.
L9	M26	SERMON PRESENTATIONS (3 People) Summary of Figures
	J3	[P-15% Book Review of Johnson Due]
	J10	[L-50% "Improved Sermon" Assignment Due]