

4PT522 COMMUNICATION II

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Reading:

Christ Centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon, Bryan Chapell. Baker, 2005, 400 pages. ISBN 0801027985

360-Degree Preaching: Hearing, Speaking, and Living the Word, Michael J. Quicke. Baker, 2006, 201 pages. ISBN 9780801026409

How to Talk So People Will Listen, Steve Brown. Baker, 1993, 169 pages. ISBN 0801010578

This course will focus on a quote from Griffith Thomas on preaching:

“Pray yourself clean, read yourself full, write yourself clear and enter the pulpit and let yourself go.”

Thus there are four modules:

1. The prayer life of the preacher—*praying yourself clean...*

We will consider the practice and importance of prayer. There will be a bibliographic consideration of some of the great contemplatives in our heritage and their relevance for the prayer life of a pastor.

2. The library of the preacher—*reading yourself full...*

In this section we will examine the “must have” books for a preacher’s library centering in on the “practical books which will make sermon preparation effective.

3. The preparation (writing) of the preacher—*writing yourself clear...*

While this section will primarily deal with the writing of sermons, we will cover a number of other areas of writing, to wit, for publication, for church newsletters, sermon notes for the congregation, etc.

4. The technique of preaching—*entering the pulpit and letting yourself go...*

This section will deal with actual preaching of a sermon with emphasis on practical techniques for effective preaching.