

SYLLABUS

COMMUNICATION II

Reading: Christ Centered Preaching, Bryan Chapell, (Baker)
How to Talk So People Will Listen, Steve Brown (Baker)

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

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

There are four modules in this course:

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 the pastor.

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.

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.

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.