

## **Preaching Lab III / Section C (2PT532C)**

**Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando Florida**

**Spring 2008 - Thursdays, 2-4:55 PM**

### **Course Syllabus**

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### **Course description**

This preaching lab course will focus on developing the student's own unique voice as a preacher and teacher of God's word.

### **Course objectives**

While appropriating and integrating the important foundations provided for preaching - solid exegetical work, sermon development, communication technique – this course challenges the student to speak from his own unique voice while not getting in the way of God's authoritative voice.

### **Course Assignments**

#### **1. Speaking and Preaching Assignments**

- a) Assignments will be based on texts of Scripture chosen by the professor.
- b) Students will be speaking extemporaneously on a range of relevant pastoral subjects.
- c) Students will be asked to address and interact with their own fears (and/or other blocks) to speaking.
- d) Special attention will be given to the unique needs of each student in their preaching and public speaking development as they graduate from seminary.

Sermon Criteria:

- a) Students will be challenged to self-assess (proposing his/her own grade, and proposing his/her own needs to growth and maturity in this area).

#### **2. Critical Interactions and Discussions**

As part of the class you may be required to listen to, critique and discuss sermons from outside preachers. This will be done during class time. You will also be required to interact critically but constructively with the preaching you hear.

#### **3. Reading**

Parker J. Palmer – *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward An Undivided Life* (may not be available in RTS bookstore because this section was added late). To be read ASAP.

### **Course Grading**

Class attendance 33%

Class participation 33%

Self-assessment 33%

Professor's Discretion 1%

## **Class Schedule**

February 7, Introduction to Class

February 14, Student Assignments

February 21, Student Assignments

February 28, Student Assignments

March 6, Student Assignments

March 13, Student Assignments

March 20, Student Assignments

*Spring Break March 24-28*

April 3, Student Assignments

April 10, Student Assignments

April 17, Student Assignments

April 24, Student Assignments

May 1 Student Assignments

May 8 Student Assignments