

Com Lab I - 2PT510
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Course Syllabus

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Course description.

This communications lab course will focus on further developing the practical skills and values needed for effective, Christ-centered, biblical preaching.

Course objectives.

Knowing.

Improved understanding of basic sermon components and their functions
Improved understanding of fundamentals of sermon delivery and pulpit presence.
Improved understanding of the priority and practice of Christ-centered preaching

Being.

Increased confidence in preparing and delivering Christ-centered expository sermons.
Deepening commitment to and experience of Christ-centered life and ministry.
Clear conviction of the power and importance of Christ-centered preaching

Doing.

Increased competence in public speaking in general and sermon delivery in particular.
Increased ability to construct and deliver biblically sound, Christ-centered sermons.

Course Requirements.

Sermons (2)	60%
Other assignments	20%
Class attendance and participation	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%

Sermons Assignments.

Each student will prepare a full sermon manuscript for one sermon. **This must be completed before the first class and turned in on the first day. This sermon manuscript will conform to the ten criteria identified below.** This manuscript must be complete (a word for word manuscript that reflects the sermon as spoken). All illustrations, applications and Scripture references, as well as transitions to points *must* be typed out in full as they would be spoken. The main points, must be clearly identified by bold print. And a typed outline must be attached. This sermon must reflect careful study of the Scripture as well as practical application to life. Students may be required to rework their sermons and to preach them again in whole or in part.

Other Assignments

Depending on the size and needs of the class students will also be given other assignments designed to improve their speaking ability. These assignments will be determined by the professor during the course. There is no advance reading required for this course.

Sermon Criteria:

1. The Student will select the Scripture passage. The sermon must be an expository sermon.
2. The sermon will be a full length sermon reflecting a 20-30 minute time frame.
3. The sermon will begin with an introduction that creates interest, identifies a need and leads into the text and topic.
4. The sermon will contain a main idea, thought or proposition that can be clearly stated in a single sentence. (this must be identified in the manuscript)
5. The sermon must contain a clear outline that includes main points expressed in complete sentence statements.
6. Each main point must be clearly demonstrated as derived from the text and must be clearly developed in the exposition.
7. Each main point must be developed, illustrated and applied.
8. The illustrations must be well chosen and appropriate.
9. The application must be biblical, clear, and Christ-centered.
10. The conclusion of the sermon must be crafted to bring the sermon to a purposeful ending.