COMMUNICATION 1

Fall 2015
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Time: Tuesday, 1-3
Class Hours: 2
Syllabus Revised: August 18, 2015

Prerequisites: PT506

COURSE PURPOSE

A third course in the preparation and delivery of sermons designed to equip men for their first year of pulpit ministry.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Formation of the minister’s character.

2. Cultivation of the minister’s preaching gifts.

3. Establishing life-long devotional habits.

4. Establishing a life-long commitment to reading substantial books on the preacher and his work.

5. Memorizing scriptures concerning the minister and his work.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts:

The Bible.


Goldsworthy, Graeme. Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture: The Application


Recommended Texts:


Readings in Preaching and Pastoral Theology:


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. **ATTENDANCE** — Class attendance is mandatory. If a student anticipates an unavoidable absence, he should notify the instructor in advance. Each hour of unexcused absence subjects the student to reduction of his final grade by one-half of a letter grade. Students missing one or more session (for any reason other than sickness) may either submit an additional, compensatory assignment [determined by the instructor] or choose to receive a half letter grade reduction in their final grade for each hour missed. In the event of a planned absence, written work and memory verses must be submitted to the teaching assistant electronically by the start time of the class missed. In the event of absence due to sickness, arrangements must still be made with the TA to turn in those assignments that are due on the day that they are due.
2. READING ASSIGNMENTS AND QUIZZES — Textbook assignments must be read prior to class. Each week when a reading assignment is due, a reading quiz will be given at the beginning of that class.

3. PAPER FORMATTING – All papers must be typed double-spaced using 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and include pagination. Improperly formatted papers will receive a full letter grade deduction.

    Each assignment must included the following:
    a. Name(s)
    b. Course
    c. Date
    d. Assignment (e.g., Book Review 1)

4. EXAMINATIONS — There are no examinations in this course.

5. GRADES –

    a. Book Reviews 50%
    b. Reading and Listening Report, Sermon Outlines 25%
    c. Bible Memory Verses and Reading Quizzes 25%

    a. You will submit two (2) Book Reviews for this course. Each review must be five (5) pages according to the paper formatting presented above. Note that this is meant to be a critical interaction with the book. While quotes are allowed, the review should not be simply a collection of block quotes or of shorter quotes strung together. Students who have read the book ought to be able to do three things: (1) summarize the book in their own words, (2) analyze the author’s primary argument, and (3) give their own evaluative response in the conclusion of the review.

    b. You will find your Reading and Listening Report at the end of this syllabus. Your report is due December 4. The Reading and Listening Report includes sermon audio. You are expected to listen to the assigned sermon before coming to class, and to submit a homiletical outline of the sermon. The purpose of our class discussion is not to critique these men’s preaching. Rather, as we are nourished in the word, we will discuss how each preacher approaches the task of organizing and delivering a sermon.

    c. Bible Memory Verses and Reading Quizzes will be administered together at 1:00 sharp. If you are late for class, you will receive a zero for the assignment. On your quizzes, one question will ask if you have completed all reading and listening assignments prior to class. If you plan to be absent and your absence is excused, you must arrange with the TA to take your reading quiz and Bible Memory in advance. If you are absent because of sickness you must e-mail your Memory verse to the TA before class and take the reading quiz at the closest possible date.

6. GRADING SCALE -

    97-100%   A
    94-96%     A-
91-93% B+
88-90% B
86-87% B-
83-85% C+
80-82% C
78-79% C-
75-77% D+
72-74% D
70-71% D-
0-69% F

7. READING WEEK AND JOHN REED MILLER PREACHING LECTURES - There will be no class on October 6 and November 17. Students are expected to attend all four John Reed Miller Preaching Lectures, November 10-12 and to submit an outline of all four lectures. Place outlines in my box by November 17. If you cannot attend any of these lectures, contact Adam Parker to make alternative arrangements. Students who do not complete this assignment will receive an unexcused absence for the November 10th class. We would remind students that according to the syllabus “Each hour of unexcused absence subjects the student to reduction of his final grade by one-half of a letter grade.”

8. CANVAS – Canvas is a tool that will be used to track student assignments and grades during the course of the semester. Students can access Canvas at https://rts.instructure.com. Students should check Canvas often, as announcements and updates to the syllabus will be posted there. Students should not expect e-mail updates for the class. Rather, any announcements (such as modifications to the syllabus) will be posted on Canvas.

9. DEADLINES - All course materials must be submitted at the beginning of class on the date due. Hard copies only; only submit work electronically to the teaching assistant on dates when you will be absent from class. Late work will be penalized ten percent for each day thereafter.

10. ELECTRONIC DEVICES - Computers and tablets are not permitted in the classroom. Cell phones should be turned off and put away. Voice recorders are not permitted in class.

11. DISCLAIMER - The instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus during the semester. Students are expected to keep up with syllabus revisions, which are posted online on Canvas. Late work because an out of date syllabus was consulted will not be excused.

12. OFFICE HOURS – Monday through Thursday, by appointment or whenever my office door is open. My office is in the Dean Center attic.

13. ETIQUETTE – Gentlemen may not wear caps or hats in the classroom.

COURSE OUTLINE

August 25: Reviewing the Basics (1)
A. Readings and Reading Quiz: Charles, chapters 1-7
   http://www.mljtrust.org/search/?q=5777
C. Sermon outline due.

September 1: Reviewing the Basics (2)
A. Reading and Reading Quiz: Charles, chapters 8-19
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WT-GCC30KWk
C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 3:1
D. Sermon outline due.

September 8: Reviewing the Basics (3)
A. Reading and Reading Quiz: Charles, chapters 20-30
C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 3:1-2
D. Sermon outline due.

September 15: Discussion of Charles’s book On Preaching
A. Submit Book Review 1 (On Preaching)
   http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=720081934151
C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 3:1-3
D. Sermon outline due.

September 22: Basic Questions About Preaching and the Bible (1)
A. Reading and Reading Quiz: Goldsworthy, Introduction and chapters 1-5
B. Audio: John Stott, “Who Is Jesus?” Isaiah 53
C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 3:4
D. Sermon outline due.

September 29: Basic Questions About Preaching and the Bible (2)
A. Reading and Reading Quiz: Goldsworthy, chapters 6-9
   http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=5906105044
C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 3:4-5
D. Sermon outline due.

October 6: NO CLASS (Fall Break)

October 13: Preaching from Old Testament Historical Narrative Texts
A. Reading and Reading Quiz: Goldsworthy, introduction to part 2 and chapter 10;
Witmer, Introduction and part 1.
B. Audio: Gordon Hugenberger, “The Leaders We Deserve,” 1 Samuel 8
http://www.parkstreet.org/library/sermons/scripture/1-Samuel-8
C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 3:4-6

October 20: Preaching from Old Testament Law and Prophets
   A. Reading and Reading Quiz: Goldsworthy, chapter 11-12; Witmer, part 2
   B. Audio: John Piper, When Is Saving Repentance is Impossible?
      http://www.desiringgod.org/sermons/when-is-saving-repentance-impossible
   C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 3:4-6

October 27: Preaching from the Old Testament Wisdom Literature and Psalms
   A. Reading and Reading Quiz: Goldsworthy, Chapter 13-14; Witmer, part 3
      http://www.sermonaudio.com/playpopup.asp?SID=51715167372
   C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

November 3: Preaching from Apocalyptic Texts and the Gospels, and from Acts and the Epistles
   A. Reading and Reading Quiz: Goldsworthy, chapter 15-18
   B. Audio: Dale Ralph Davis, “When Trouble Turns Thicker,” 1 Samuel 27-29
      http://www.fpcjackson.org/resource-library/seminars/when-trouble-turns-thicker
   C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:1-2
   D. Sermon outline due.

November 10: NO CLASS – Students will attend all four John Reed Miller Preaching Lectures, November 10-12, and submit an outline of each lecture. See above section on the JRM lectures for more details.

November 17: NO CLASS. JRM Outlines due. If you cannot be on campus this day, you may turn your outlines in early.

November 24: The Work of the Pastor
   A. Discussion of The Work of the Pastor
   B. Submit Book Review 2 (The Work of the Pastor)
   C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:1-4

December 4: NO CLASS – Submit Reading Report by 12 noon
READING AND LISTENING REPORT
Due December 4th by 12 noon
No percentages; no partial credit.

Name (Print):

I have read *On Preaching* in its entirety. Yes____ No _____

I have read *Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture* in its entirety.
Yes____ No _____

I have read *The Shepherd Leader* in its entirety. Yes____ No _____

I have read *The Work of the Pastor* in its entirety. Yes____ No _____

I listened to all sermon audio in their entirety before the dates they were discussed in class.
Yes____ No _____

I have read Exodus 20:16 and Westminster Larger Catechism questions and answers 143-145.
Yes____ No _____

My signature indicates that I have actually read these books, and not merely let my eyes skim over their pages.

Signature: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________