

COURSE SYLLABUS

LIBERTY BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

HOMI 967

EVANGELISTIC PREACHING

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OFFICE HOURS – WEDNESDAYS BY APPOINTMENT

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SYLLABUS MAY BE ALTERED AT THE INSTRUCTOR'S DISCRETION

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A course in the preparation and preaching of evangelistic sermons. Evangelistic preaching as presented in the New Testament will be studied as a foundation. Historically significant revivals and evangelistic preachers will be studied and compared with a model of evangelistic – expository preaching that will be the focus of the course. Special issues will include the role of the local church in preparing for evangelistic preaching, interaction with an audience, and the role of the Holy Spirit.

II. PREREQUISITES

The course is open to any D. Min. student.

III. REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Clendenen and Waggoner, ed. *Calvinism*. B & H, 2008. ISBN: 978-0805448351.
Loscalzo, *Apologetic Preaching*. InterVarsity Press, 2000, ISBN: 978-0830815753
Street, *The Effective Invitation*. Kregel Academic, 2004. ISBN: 0825437997
Graham, *Dynamics of Evangelistic Preaching*. Pathway, 1996. ISBN: 978-0871482587
Ramesh, *Preparing Evangelistic Sermons* Baker, 2005. ISBN: 978-0801065743

IV. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of the seminar, the student should be able to:

- a. Articulate their personal understanding of the Biblical basis and practice of evangelistic preaching.
- b. Explain the personal theology of evangelism and evangelistic preaching.
- c. Recount major historical and contemporary evangelists, and their particular approach to evangelistic preaching.
- d. Demonstrate personal skills in preparing and delivering evangelistic messages.
- e. Detail the necessary steps of preparing their congregation for evangelistic services.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Because the course comes early in the semester, much of the work will be done after the seminar has been completed. So, some assignments will be done prior to the seminar while the majority of assignments will be done after the completion of the seminar.
- B. Prior to the Seminar, the Student will:
 1. Become familiar with the 5 assigned texts for the class.
 2. Prepare a 15 page position paper on “What Does It Mean to be Saved and What are the Dynamics of the Salvation Experience.”
 3. Prepare a presentation on one of the evangelists (historical or contemporary) as assigned by the professor. Each presentation should (1. detail the evangelist’s life, (2. summarize his approach to evangelism (especially his evangelistic preaching), and (3. assess what made him an effective evangelistic preacher. Email the professor for your person. If you have a request, let him know.
- C. Upon the completion of the seminar, the student will:
 1. Prepare book reviews on the 5 assigned texts according to Barzun and Graff’s The Modern Researcher.
 2. Submit a 30 page paper as the finished product of their class presentation. This paper should include a minimum of six sources, three of which must be primary sources. The paper must be prepared according to Turabian.
 3. Prepare a 30 page paper summarizing the week and what the student has learned.
- D. Evaluation and Grading:

Class Discussion and Participation	10%
Class Presentation and Completed Paper	25%
Position Paper	15%
Book Reviews (5% each)	25%
Summary Paper of the Week’s Work	25%

The professor reserves the right to raise or lower grades based upon the students class attendance and participation.

Grading Scale:

A = 94-100%

B = 86-93%

C = 75-85%

D = 68-74%

F = 0-64%

The student will have just over two months to complete outstanding work for the seminar. The due date for all is March 31, 2010.

VI. COURSE SCHEDULE

MONDAY

9:00-11:00 Discuss Position Paper

11:00-12:00 Discuss Clendenen and Waggoner's *Calvinism*

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:00 Complete the Discussion on *Calvinism*

2:00-4:00 Discuss Peter's Acts 2 Sermon and Paul's Acts 17 sermon

4:00-5:00 What are the Great Themes for Evangelism?

TUESDAY

9:00-10:00 Discuss Loscalzo's *Apologetic Preaching*

10:00-11:00 Discuss Graham's *Dynamics of Evangelistic Preaching*

11:00-12:00 Discuss Ramesh's *Preparing Evangelistic Sermons*

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-5:00 Work on Evangelistic Project, Selecting a Text and Developing on Evangelistic Message

WEDNESDAY

9:00-12:00 Discuss Street's *The Effective Invitation*, Discuss Chapter by Chapter

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-5:00 Review Messages by Junior Hill and Billy Graham; Discuss What Makes Them Effective.

THURSDAY

9:00-12:00 Presentations about Evangelists

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-5:00 Presentations about Evangelists (who they are and how they did/do it)

FRIDAY

9:00-12:00 Strategies for Becoming a More Effective Evangelistic Preacher (both personal and church preparation).

VII. Evangelists Who Will Be Discussed

Richard Sibbes
Daniel Rowland
John Wesley
Charles Finny
Charles Spurgeon
D.L. Moody
Sam Jones
William H. Robinson
Billy Sunday
Billy Graham
Louis Pallou
Junior Hill
Tim Lee
Bailey Smith
David Nasser
Ken Freeman