

Front Range Bible Institute

Homiletics (FMT 801)

Spring 2018 Course Syllabus

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I. Course Description

Homiletics 801 is designed for students who have made significant progress in their biblical and theological studies and preferably have completed at least two years of one biblical language. The course is intended to instruct students in the science and art of expository preaching and help them develop and refine their skills in preaching that is biblically sound, clear, coherent, and persuasive.

The first five classes of this course will include instruction from the professor on the principles and methods of expository preaching. The following seven classes will include the students preaching three expository sermons before their professor and peers. Each sermon will be followed by an evaluation of the professor and peers. The feedback in the evaluations will point out strengths and weaknesses, including how the student can correct and improve his preaching.

II. Course Objectives

This course is designed to help each student:

- A. Grow in the ability to exegete a text of Scripture and transform the exegesis into exposition that is persuasive and biblically driven
- B. Learn the principles and methods of sound biblical expository preaching
- C. Develop and practice his study and delivery skills
- D. Receive friendly, direct, correction and exhortation related to his preaching
- E. Move closer to and grow more richly in his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ

III. Course Materials

- A. Professor's notes and handouts
- B. *Preparing Expository Sermons* by Ramesh Richards
- C. *Between Two Worlds* by John Stott
- D. *Preaching That Changes Lives* by Michael Fabarez

Note: Laptops are encouraged in class for note-taking

IV. Course Requirements

- A. Attendance – attend and participate in all classes
- B. Book reviews – read each of the assigned textbooks and critique them chapter by chapter, evaluating the author's inclusion of his material into his argument for the book. Write approximately 3-5 pages per review.
- C. Preaching – preach three twenty minute sermons, including an exegetical, expositional, and homiletical outline along with a full manuscript of the sermon. The first sermon will be selected from the New Testament epistles, the second from the Gospels, and third from the Psalms. Each student will select a text in each of these three categories on or before April 17th.

Two weeks prior to the student's scheduled preaching of each sermon, he will get approval from the professor for the sermon's exegetical and homiletical outline. Approvals can be done before or after classes, by phone, or email.

At the time the sermon is preached, the student will hand in a full double-spaced 14 point font manuscript in homiletical outlined form.

Note: FBI may make arrangements for the DVD recording of each sermon in the preaching lab.

V. Course Grading

Twenty-five percent of the of the grade will be based on class attendance and participation, twenty-five percent on reading and book reviews, and fifty-percent on exegetical and homiletical outlines, manuscript, and preaching.

VI. Course Schedule

Class 1	April 3	First hour: Introductions, review of syllabus, and discussion of Biblical preaching Second hour: Elements necessary for biblical preaching		
Class 2	April 10	First hour: Necessity of and call to biblical preaching Second hour: A word about translations		
Class 3	April 17	First hour: Laying the groundwork for the sermon Second hour: Building the main points Book review on <i>Preparing Expository Sermons</i> due		
Class 4	April 24	First hour: Introductions and conclusions Second hour: Book review discussion Book review on <i>Between Two Worlds</i> due		
Class 5	May 1	First hour: A look at the Sermon on the Mount: Structuring a sermon Second hour: Building sermons from selected texts Book review on <i>Preaching That Changes Lives</i> due		
Class 6	May 8	First hour: Preach/evaluate: First sermon Second hour: Preach/evaluate: First sermon	1 2	2 3
Class 7	May 15	First hour: Preach/evaluate: First sermon Second hour: Preach/evaluate: First sermon	4 5	5 6
Class 8	May 22	First hour: Preach/evaluate: Second sermon First hour: Preach/evaluate: Second sermon Second hour: Preach/evaluate: Second sermon	1 2	2 3
Class 9	May 29	First hour: Preach/evaluate: Second sermon Second hour: Preach/evaluate: Second sermon	4 5	5 6
Class10	June 5	First hour: Preach/evaluate: Third sermon Second hour: Preach/evaluate: Third sermon	1 2	2 3

Third sermon

Class 11 June 12	First hour: Preach/evaluate: Third sermon	4	5
	Second hour: Preach/evaluate: Third sermon	5	6

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