COMmUNICATION 1

Fall 2018
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Time: Wednesday, 1-4
Class Hours: 2
Syllabus Revised: May 16, 2018
Prerequisites: PT506

COURSE PURPOSE

A second 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.


Recommended Texts:


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. **ATTENDANCE**
   Class attendance is mandatory. Roll is taken at every class.

   If a student anticipates an unavoidable absence, he should notify the TA 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 sessions (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 absence, written work must be submitted to the teaching assistant electronically by the start time of the class missed.

2. **GRADES**
   - Bible Memory and Reading Quizzes: 35%
   - John Reed Miller Lectures and Sermon Outlines: 15%
   - Term Paper: 25%
   - Final Exam: 25%
3. BIBLE MEMORY AND READING
Bible Memory and Reading Quizzes will be administered together at 1:00 sharp. On your quizzes, one question will ask if you have completed all reading and listening assignments prior to class.

All quiz questions from *Christ-Centered Preaching* will be taken from “Questions for Review and Discussion” at the end of each chapter. After the first lecture, subsequent quizzes may include questions from the previous week’s lecture.

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, arrange the makeup quiz with the TA.

4. JOHN REED MILLER LECTURES AND SERMON OUTLINES
You will listen to one sermon each class and submit a sermon outline. Your sermon outlines must be posted on Canvas in pdf format by 1:00 p.m. on the date due. Late submission will result in a 20-point grade reduction.

Students are expected to attend all four John Reed Miller Preaching Lectures, October 31-November 1, and to submit an outline for each of the four lectures. If you cannot attend one of these lectures, you may listen online. Upload all outlines in pdf format to Canvas by 11:59 Central Time on December 7. Late submission will result in a 20-point grade reduction.

5. TERM PAPER
You will submit a 10-page term paper based upon *Him We Proclaim: Preaching Christ from All the Scriptures* by Dennis E. Johnson.

Term paper grading criteria:

- **Content Summary (20 pts):** Your paper will summarize the content of the book.
- **Thesis and Evaluation (25 pts):** You will state and evaluate the thesis of the book, identifying points of agreement and disagreement with the author. You will assess the usefulness of the book in assisting men for pulpit ministry.
- **Formatting (10 pts):** Formatting requirements: (a) Include a title page. (b) Use Times New Roman font and 12-point type. (c) Number pages in the body of the paper; do not number the title page. (d) Use one-inch margins on all four edges of the paper. (e) Lines must be double-spaced. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in a letter grade reduction.
- **Depth of Paper (35 pts):** Your paper must demonstrate good argumentation, careful reading, and creativity.
- **Presentation of Paper (10 pts):** Your paper must reflect good grammar, spelling, punctuation, and clarity of expression, and be written in an appropriate academic style.

Reading Report. On your paper you will report if you have read the book in its entirety. Failure to read the entire book will result in a 15-point grade reduction.

Your term paper papers must be posted on Canvas in pdf format by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on December 7. Papers will receive a 10-point reduction for each day late. Do not e-mail your papers to the TA or instructor.

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
Reading week is October 1-5.

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

10. 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 on Canvas.

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

12. OFFICE HOURS
My office is in the Dean Center attic. Stop by whenever the office door is open, or schedule an
appointment.

13. MAKEUP CLASSES
If a class session is cancelled, it will be rescheduled on one of Wednesday afternoons when the
class is not scheduled to meet.

COURSE OUTLINE
August 29:
  A. Reading Quiz 1: Chapell, chapters 1-4
http://www.mljtrust.org/search/?q=5777
C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 3:1-2

September 5:
A. Reading Quiz 2: Chapell, chapters 5-6; Grimké (entire book)
B. Audio and Sermon Outline: 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 Timothy 3:1-5

September 12:
A. Reading Quiz 3: Chapell, chapter 7; Wingard, chapters 2-4
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WT-GCC30KWk
C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

September 19:
A. Reading Quiz 4: Chapell, chapter 8
B. Audio and Sermon Outline: John Piper, “When Is Saving Repentance Impossible?”
   Hebrew 6:4-8
   http://www.desiringgod.org/sermons/when-is-saving-repentance-impossible
C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:1-2

September 26:
A. Reading Quiz 5: Chapell, chapter 9; Witmer, Introduction and part 1.
   http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=720081934151
C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:1-3

October 10:
A. Reading Quiz 6: Chapell, chapters 10-11; Witmer, part 2
B. Audio and Sermon Outline: John Stott, “Who Is Jesus?” Isaiah 53
C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:1-4

October 17: Makeup class if needed.

October 24: Makeup class if needed.

October 30-November 1: Students will attend all four John Reed Miller Preaching Lectures, and submit an outline of each lecture.

November 7: Makeup class if needed.

November 14: Makeup class if needed.
November 28:
A. Reading Quiz 7: Witmer, part 3; Still (entire book)
B. Audio and Sermon Outline: Gordon Hugenberger, “The Leaders We Deserve,” 1 Samuel 8
C. Bible Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:1-5

December 5: Makeup class if needed.

**READINGS IN PREACHING AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY**


