

BITH206 BIBLICAL PREACHING 101

INTRODUCTION

This course provides an overview of aspects of biblical preaching, including the development and delivery of biblical sermons. Students will the following biblical preaching skills:

- Exegesis of a particular text that is appropriate for sermon preparation.
- Finding a focus for the sermon.
- Shaping the form of a sermon in the context of both the text and the local community.
- Communicating through preaching in a way that shapes the life of the local church.

The English word “homiletics” is most often defined as the “science or art of preaching.” “Homiletics then is the study of the composition and delivery of a sermon or other religious discourse. It includes all forms of preaching, viz., the sermon, homily and catechetical instruction.” – Wikipedia

There are three Greek words that form the basis of our English word “homiletics.”

- a. Homiletikos (from Homileo) which means “to be in company with, to impart insights through sharing common time together.”
- b. Homilia which means “communion and conversation”.
- c. Homilos which means “same” and ilos meaning “crowd.”

These three Greek words can be summarized to define Homiletics as “sharing insights through conversation with a crowd.”

“Preaching is, in one regard, like bringing up children; we know all about it until we have to do it; then we know nothing.” – George Buttrich, *Jesus Came Preaching*

The goals in this course are as followed:

1. To introduce you to helpful preaching materials.
2. To expose you to a variety of preaching methods.
3. To help you in the organization and delivery of sermons.
4. To help you to overcome the fear of preaching.
5. To challenge you to discover your specific talents and gifting.

Jay Adams in his book “Preaching with Purpose” states that true instruction in homiletics ought to teach the following three things.

1. How to remove all obstacles to preaching the truth.
2. How to make the message as clear as possible.
3. How to point the listener to Christ alone as the foundation for his belief and actions.

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

Lesson 1 - Introduction to Homiletics
Lesson 2 - Biblical Words associated with Preaching
Lesson 3-4 - Feeding the Flock
Lesson 5 - The Preacher
Lesson 6 - The Purpose of Preaching
Lesson 7 - Types of Sermons
Lesson 8-9 - Choosing a Topic
Lesson 10 - Researching the Text/Topic
Lesson 11 - Developing Principles from Research
Lesson 12 - The Thematic Statement
Lesson 13 - Constructing an Outline
Lesson 14 – Beginning the Sermon
Lesson 15 – Concluding the Sermon
Lesson 16 – Titling the Sermon
Lesson 17 - Illustrating the Sermon
Lesson 18 – Tips for Sermon Delivery