

## **PLANNING PENTECOSTAL PREACHING**

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For years the sages have warned, “Those who fail to plan, plan to fail.” Experience has proven this advice to be true in the spiritual realm as well as in the secular. Without careful planning, even Pentecostal ministers of the gospel often repeat certain texts or topics while neglecting other critical truths. This frequent phenomenon inspired the integrated approach in this project.

Dr. Quentin McGhee invited the author to write this project for the *Faith & Action* curriculum series, a missionary effort designed for use in Bible schools around the globe, especially in the Third World. This project will serve as the textbook for the Homiletics II course.

Unit one covers the “Characteristics of Pentecostal Preaching,” its uniqueness, its preparation, and its special sermons for healing and deliverance services. The next unit develops “Sermons That People Will Never Forget;” topics include how to personalize funeral sermons, preach creative first-person sermons, and preach sermons with props. A third unit, “Planning Sermons,” explains how to preach series of sermons: on books of the Bible, characters in the Bible characters, doctrines in the Bible, and problems in life. This unit concludes with a section on how to prepare an actual preaching calendar. Each chapter focuses on preparation with complete dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Every lesson states principles to understand or identifies a process to follow. Explanation, illustration, and application of those principles or that process follow. The book is based on sound scholarship with ample footnotes from the best of both past and present homiletical scholarship.