

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Southeastern College Branch Campus
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Lakeland, Florida 33801

The Rutland Group #2
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HOMB 531 METHODS OF BIBLICAL PREACHING
(3 Credits)

COURSE SYLLABUS

Mark Rutland, PhD

Fall 2004

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Emphasizes the nature, method, variety, and importance of preaching from the Bible. Emphasis will be placed on the practical implementation of theory by requiring full development of a series of sermons.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The student should demonstrate through class participation and preparation of sermons that he/she has:

1. Begun to reflect critically upon the current literature of biblical preaching.
2. Developed a conscious theology of preaching.
3. A healthy self-critical perspective toward his/her practice of preaching.
4. Employed principles of sound exegetical, hermeneutical, and homiletical theory in the preparation of sermons.
5. Utilized creative strategies in expressing biblical truth to the modern listener.
6. Examined the modern context for preaching with particular identification of persons and needs in the local congregation.

TEXTBOOK

Greidanus, Sidney. *The Modern Preacher and the Ancient Text*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988. (390 pages)

Robinson, Haddon. *Biblical Preaching*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2001. (250 pages)

METHODOLOGY

Learning will be facilitated by lectures on techniques for effective sermon preparation and presentation, the study and analysis of other sermons, videos of excellent preaching, and the analysis of student preaching. The atmosphere will be informal, affirming, and interesting.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Pre-session

1. Read the text by Greidanus and Robinson.
2. Prepare a 2-3 page reaction paper for each text in which you discuss the author's overall approach to exegesis and preaching. Evaluate the material both positively and negatively.
3. Each participant will prepare a video and audio tape (same sermon) of his/her own preaching for evaluation by the class. This video is due the first day of class.
4. Read an additional 450 pages from the bibliography.

B. Session

1. Attendance and participation at all class sessions is required.
2. Reading and other work will be assigned by the professor during the class sessions.

C. Post-Session

1. Prepare a one-page analysis of your own preaching. Conclude with areas where you will be intentional about improving or changing. Re-work your sermon presented on the first day of class to reflect the areas targeted for improvement.
2. Prepare a sermon in outline form with enough detail that the instructor can readily follow the flow of thought in the sermon. Be sure to include a complete introduction and conclusion.
3. Prepare a preaching schedule for one year.
4. Read an additional 450 pages from the bibliography.

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GRADING PROCEDURE

AGTS uses a 4-point grading scale. Grades are assigned the following numerical values for the purpose of computing the grade point average:

Grade points per semester hours:

A+ or A	Superior	4.0
A-		3.7
B+		3.3
B	Good	3.0
C+		2.7
C	Satisfactory	2.0
C-		1.7
D+		1.3
D	Poor	1.0
D-		.7
F	Failure	0.0*
I	Incomplete	0.0*
IP	In Process	0.0
WD	Withdrawn	0.0
WP	Withdrawn Passing	0.0
WF	Withdrawn Failing	0.0*

*Affects grade point average

All coursework is due by the end of the fall semester: Friday, December 17, 2004.

Submit all assignments to:

Dr. Mark Rutland
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Note: Work received after the semester due date specified in the syllabus will result in a change of grade fee (\$15.00) being charged, even when the extension has been granted by the professor.

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SPECIFIC DATA:

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