

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
**Springfield, Missouri**  
**HOMM 531 METHODS OF BIBLICAL PREACHING**

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**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Methods of Biblical Preaching is a class designed to assist both the veteran preacher and the beginning preacher in the development of exegetical skills appropriate for effective preaching in the local church.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The following class objectives will establish focus, tone and direction:

1. To explore the ways in which an understanding of contemporary culture can move today's preacher toward greater relevance and effectiveness in proclaiming God's Word.
2. To develop a working technique for uncovering both the fundamental core and the subordinate elements in a specific Biblical passage so as to provide an authentic foundation for Biblical preaching.
3. To evaluate critically a wide variety of sermon styles and methodologies by viewing great sermons by means of video.
4. To survey the significant literature in the field of exegetical preaching in such a way that the present task of the preacher might be more fully informed and strengthened.
5. To encourage and stimulate class interaction and participation so that the skills and strengths of class members can be fully utilized and evaluated.

**TEXT**

Kaiser, Walter C. *Toward an Exegetical Theology*. Baker Book House.

**GENERAL COURSE SUBJECTS**

1. The inner life of the preacher
2. The environment in which the preacher works
3. Interaction with the text
4. Preparing the message for presentation
5. The preaching event

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. Pre-Session**

1. Read the text by Kaiser.
2. Prepare one syntactical outline (see Kaiser).

### **B. Session**

1. Attendance and participation in all sessions are required.
2. Presentation of syntactical outlines as assigned.

### **C. Post-Session**

1. Complete the reading of 1200 pages from the attached bibliography or other books approved by the professor.
2. Write a one-page critique of each book--including number of pages of each.
3. Prepare one 20-minute preaching manuscript illustration of Kaiser's methodology.

**DATE DUE: February 14, 2005**

**NOTE:** The participant will be charged a \$15 change-of-grade fee when work is turned in after the due date stipulated on the syllabus unless permission has been given by the instructor.

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## **GRADES**

1. Class participation - 10 percent
2. Reading reports - 45 percent
3. Sermon manuscript - 45 percent

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