

**Chase Rogers (preaching), “The Politics of Preaching: Bonhoeffer’s Approach for Addressing Politics in Preaching”**

The purpose of this paper is to examine Bonhoeffer’s approach to preaching in the face of an unwavering political atmosphere. The examination will provide implications of rhetorical, theological, and methodological nature for contemporary preaching. An examination of Bonhoeffer’s lectures, papers, sermons, and personal writings will be examined to understand a process for addressing political issues during the preparation and moment of proclamation. It is the contention of the researcher that Bonhoeffer provided a specific method for addressing political issues. This method will be made evident through his personal writings with regard to his theology, rhetorical usage, and Christocentric emphasis. The researcher will examine Bonhoeffer’s petition in preaching during the Third Reich to draw implications for addressing political issues through the preparation and proclamation of a sermon.