

PREA9409 A Survey of Evangelistic Preaching

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Mission Statement

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Course Purpose, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies Addressed

- Course Purpose: The purpose of this seminar is to engage in scholarly research and discussion concerning the nature of evangelistic preaching.
- Core Value Focus: Doctrinal Integrity – Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. Our confessional commitments are outlined in the Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 (online *Graduate Catalog, 2013-2014, p. 4*).
- Curriculum Competencies Addressed: Disciple Making Competency

Course Description

This seminar is a study of the factors involved in evangelistic preaching. An investigation of various approaches to evangelistic preaching, past and present, will be included in the study. Also serves as an evangelism seminar (online *Graduate Catalog, 2013-2014, p. 147*).

Objectives

1. Students will understand basic theological and practical elements involved in evangelistic preaching.
2. Students will become familiar with principles of communication and persuasion as they relate to evangelistic preaching.
3. Students will examine various biblical, practical, theological, and ethical components of evangelistic preaching.
4. Students will analyze the approach of significant personalities in evangelistic preaching.

Course Teaching Methodology

This course will involve students reading assigned books, preparing assigned reports, participating in scholarly discussion, and writing papers associated with evangelistic preaching. The professor will guide students in this work.

Requirements

1. BIBLIOGRAPHY. Each student will prepare a short annotated bibliography of at least three (3) journal articles since 2000, and at least two (2) websites that address various facets of evangelistic preaching. Each entry should contain 3-5 sentences stating the thesis of the material and its significance for evangelistic preaching. **Due: February 28.**
2. SERMON BRIEF. Each student will develop a sermon brief of an *expository evangelistic sermon* from one of the four Gospels. The brief should follow the format of the sermon brief form attached to the syllabus. **Due: February 28.**
3. BOOK REVIEW. Each student will prepare a 600-800 word book review on a selected book that deals with some aspect of evangelistic preaching to be submitted for publication in the *Baptist Journal of Theology & Ministry*. Each student will discuss in the seminar the significant contributions of the book to the field of evangelistic preaching. **Due: February 28.**
4. MINOR PAPER. Each student will prepare a minor research paper on the philosophy and practice of a significant evangelistic preacher. The body of the paper should be at least 15 pages double-spaced in proper Turabian style. Choosing the subject for research will be the responsibility of the student in consultation with the professor. **Due: April 4.**
5. MAJOR PAPER. Each student will prepare a major research paper on an issue related to evangelistic preaching. The body of the research paper should be at least 25 pages double-spaced in proper Turabian style. Paper topics must be chosen by the student in consultation with the professor. **Due: May 2.**

Course Evaluation

Although it should go without saying, students are expected to exercise the highest of ethics and integrity in keeping with the character of Christ when completing all assignments. The grading scale and attendance requirements will be according to those outlined in the current *Graduate Catalog*. The value of assignments will be as follows:

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| (1) Bibliography | 10% |
| (2) Sermon Brief | 10% |
| (3) Book Review | 10% |
| (4) Minor Paper | 30% |
| (5) Major Paper | 40% |

Possible Ideas for Minor & Major Papers

Minor Papers on Evangelistic Preachers...

- George Whitefield
- John Wesley
- Charles Finney
- Charles Spurgeon
- D. L. Moody
- J. Wilbur Chapman
- Gypsy Smith
- Sam Jones
- Billy Sunday
- John Sung
- George W. Truett
- Billy Graham
- Luis Palau
- Freddie Gage
- W. A. Criswell
- Adrian Rogers
- Junior Hill
- Greg Laurie

Major Papers (General Ideas)...

- Various Contemporary Trends in Evangelistic Preaching
- Various Theological Issues in Evangelistic Preaching
- Evangelistic Preaching in the NT and Contemporary Implications
- The Content of the Gospel in Evangelistic Preaching
- The Role of Persuasion in Evangelistic Preaching
- Sermon Models for Evangelistic Preaching
- Apologetics and Evangelistic Preaching
- Marketplace Preaching
- Evangelistic Preaching in the Pastorate
- The Public Invitation
- Spiritual Formation in Evangelistic Preaching
- The Role of Evangelistic Preaching in the Regular Worship Service of the Church

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SERMON BRIEF
Rhetorical Sermon Outline

Name:
Assignment:
Date Due:

A. Foundational Elements

1. Sermon Title (in quotation marks; headline capitalization style):
2. Text:
3. Subject (in one or two words--or as a short phrase):
4. ETS (Essence of the Text in a Sentence--state in the past tense):
5. ESS (Essence of the Sermon in a Sentence--also called the Proposition; do not state in the past tense):
6. OSS (Objective of the Sermon in a Sentence--state in terms of what hearers will **do** as a result of this sermon): Hearers will....

B. Formal Elements

Introduction

Body (**Functional Elements** of Explanation, Illustration, and Application--not essential for sermon brief but necessary for sermon manuscript)

- I.
- 1.
 - 2.
- II.
- 1.
 - 2.
- III.
- 1.
 - 2.

Conclusion

C. Notes

1. The number of points may vary within the formal elements from the numbers shown above.
2. All main points (i.e., I, II, etc.) in the sermon body outline must be referenced to the text (e.g., I. The Motive of Salvation, John 3:16a; II. The Means of Salvation, John 3:16b).
3. Write all sermon body main points in headline capitalization style (e.g., The Motive of Salvation). Write all lesser points under the main points in sentence capitalization style (e.g., The personal motive).