



BEXP9409 A Survey of Evangelistic Preaching

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Division of Church Ministry

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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

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.

Student Learning Outcomes

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 research papers associated with evangelistic preaching. The professor will guide students in this work.

Course 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: March 4.**

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: March 4.**
3. BOOK REVIEW. Each student will prepare an 800-1000 word book review on a selected book that deals with some aspect of evangelistic preaching that could be submitted for publication in a scholarly journal. Each student will discuss in the seminar the significant contributions of the book to the field of evangelistic preaching. **Due: March 4.**
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 done by the student in consultation with the professor. **Due: April 8.**
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 will be chosen by the student in consultation with the professor. **Due: May 6.**

Evaluation of Grade

The grading scale and attendance requirements will be according to those outlined in the current *Graduate Catalog*. The student's grade will be computed 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% |

Course Schedule

February 4: Introductions, Syllabus, Lecture and Discussion on Evangelistic Preaching, Selection of Books for Review and Research Paper Topics

March 4: Discussion of Bibliographies, Presentations of Book Reviews and Expository Evangelistic Sermon Briefs

April 8: Minor Research Paper Presentations

May 6: Major Research Paper Presentations

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
- Leighton Ford
- Luis Palau
- Freddie Gage
- W. A. Criswell
- Adrian Rogers
- Junior Hill
- Franklin Graham
- Greg Laurie

Major Papers on Issues Related to Evangelistic Preaching (General and Specific Ideas)

- Various Contemporary Trends in Evangelistic Preaching
- Various Theological Issues in Evangelistic Preaching
- Evangelistic Preaching in a Postmodern Culture
- Cross Cultural Evangelistic Preaching
- The Decline of Evangelistic Preaching
- Evangelistic Preaching in the NT and Contemporary Implications
- Evangelistic Preaching from the OT
- 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
- Evangelistic Preaching in Certain Denominations/Faith Traditions

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate

level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

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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).