

# Syllabus

**Course:** PM331-T&NT Expository Preaching I  
**Credit:** 3 Semester Hours  
**Semester:** Fall 2024 (Sessions 1 & 2, Aug 19–Dec 13)  
**In-Class:** 6:00—9:00 pm, Tuesdays  
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*\*About This Class: This course is offered in two formats: in-person and online. Students registered for in-person attend the classes in person, online students attend the classes via the online classroom. For both in-person and online students, assignments and interaction outside of the class period are done in the learning management system.*

*\*About Disabilities: Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator (aso@calvary.edu) of any disabling condition that may require support.*

*\*About Assistance for All Course Assignments: The Clark Academic Center (learning@calvary.edu), located in the library building, is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for all CU students. Student tutors aid with all facets of the writing process, tutor in various subject areas, prepare students for exams, and facilitate tests. Please take advantage of this service.*

*\*About Changes to this Syllabus: The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus at any time during the course, but any changes made will only be done after clearly communicating the need for the change and the specific change to be made via in-class announcement and Canvas announcement.*

## I. DESCRIPTION

An introductory course designed to give men instruction in the mechanics of preparing and preaching expository sermons. This course includes instruction in parts of a sermon, sermon structure, manuscript preparation, sermon research, and opportunity for preaching in class. (Prerequisites: BI115 and COM220; Women substitute COM333) (ILOs – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

## II. OBJECTIVES

**A. General competencies to be achieved:** The student will be able to . . .

1. Articulate the nature and value of expository preaching. (PLO- #2) (A- A, E, F, & G)
2. Demonstrate primary skills in preparing and delivering expository sermons. (PLO- #3) (A- A, B, C, D, & E)

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3. Sense the high privilege and burden of communicating God's Word clearly, accurately, relevantly, and passionately. (PLO- #4) (A- A, D, E, F, & G)

**B. Specific competencies to be achieved:** The student will be able to . . .

1. Articulate a comprehensive and logical sermon preparation process. (PLO- #2 & 3) (A- A)
2. Employ exegetical study skills to determine the original author's main idea and outline in the text to be preached. (PLO- #2) (A- B)
3. Demonstrate the ability to form a sermon main idea and outline to accomplish a specific purpose in the preaching of the selected text. (PLO- #2 & 4) (A- C)
4. Preach biblically accurate and culturally relevant expository sermons. (PLO- #2, 3, 4, & 5) (A- D)
5. Increase understanding of effective preaching through the critical evaluation of other preachers preaching. (PLO- #2, 3, 4, & 5) (A- E)
6. Analyze pertinent biblical texts to demonstrate understanding of the varied tasks of effective preaching. (PLO- #2) (A- F)
7. Articulate a personal philosophy of preaching. (PLO- #2 & 5) (A- G)

**III. REQUIREMENTS**

\***Note:** Specific instructions for each assignment are posted in Canvas.

**A. Read the course textbook and answer discussion questions.**

1. Following the schedule below, read the assigned chapters in the textbooks in preparation for in-class discussion.
2. Following the schedule below, answer discussion questions concerning the textbook and course material.

**B. Do exegetical study of passages.**

1. The course instructor will assign specific passages to study from the following genres of Scripture:
  - a. Epistle (in James).
  - b. Narrative (in John).
  - c. Parable (in Luke).
  - d. Psalm.
  - e. Seasonal (Christmas)
2. Submit the results of this study which identifies the following for each assigned passage:
  - a. Exegetical Idea (the author's main point).
  - b. Purpose (the reason the author intended for this passage).
  - c. Question (the practical question the author answers in the passage for his intended audience).
  - d. Outline (the way the author structured his material to reveal his idea, accomplish his purpose, and answer the question).

**C. Prepare original sermons.**

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1. Taking the results of the exegetical study, prepare the following for original (you have never preached before) sermons for each assigned passage.
  - a. A sermon Main Idea (the point the sermon is to communicate).
  - b. A Purpose Statement (the result the preacher intends in the lives of the listeners upon heard the sermon).
  - c. A sermon Question (the practical question the passage answers applicable to the intended audience).
  - d. A sermon Outline (the guide for the speaker's and listeners thoughts).
  - e. Manuscripts (word-for-word) of each of the following elements for each of the 5 sermons.
    - i. The Introduction.
    - ii. 2 illustrations to be used in the Body of the sermon (not those in the Introduction and Conclusion).
    - iii. The Conclusion.

**D. Preach original sermons.**

1. Preach 5 sermons of no more than 30 minutes in length each.
2. **Note:** All online students must make video recordings of all sermons via Teams (or upload the video recording to a location where the instructor can view it if recorded in Youtube, GoogleDocs, etc.) by 3 pm the afternoon before the class session in which it is scheduled to be presented.

**E. Evaluate sermons.**

1. During the class, you will evaluate 3 sermons of seasoned preachers as directed by the course instructor.
2. For the 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> sermons you preach, complete a "Self-Evaluation" form of your own preaching.

**F. Do exegetical study of terms pertinent to preaching.**

1. Study the terms used to describe the variety of the preaching tasks and as seen in only 1 of the following passages:
  - a. 2 Timothy 3:16 OR
  - b. 2 Timothy 4:2
2. Write a 2-page paper of the meaning and significance of the terms in the selected passage as they relate to the task of preaching.

**IV. METHODS**

**A. Presentation:**

1. **In-class methods:** lecture, discussion, presentation, and evaluation.

**\*About Class Attendance:** Research consistently demonstrates that class attendance and active participation correlate to higher performance on course assessments. Therefore, the following attendance policies will be followed to encourage greatest course engagement.

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**\*About Classroom Use of Media:**

- Computing devices** are permitted during the lecture and class discussion sessions for the sole purpose of taking notes. Use of these devices to access the Internet, make telephone calls or video calls, text messaging, updating social network services, etc. is not allowed, let alone very distracting to other students.
- Cellphones / smartphones** may only be used in an emergency, and in those situations the student may take the call but must leave the room and not return until the next break out of courtesy to fellow classmates.

**\*About Note Taking:** Students are expected to take notes during each class. Significant peer reviewed studies continue to demonstrate that notes taken by hand are understood better and remembered longer than those taken with a computer. Computer use which is a distraction to others (i.e., noise, blocking the screen, displaying non-class related material, etc.) is not allowed.

**2. Out-of-class methods:** observation, evaluation, and sermon preparation.

**\*About written assignments:** Unless directed otherwise, all written assignments must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th edition and the Calvary Style Guide, 2019 update.

**B. Grading:**

**\*About Late Assignments:** Assignments turned in late will be lowered **5% each day** it is late.

**\*About Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is defined as copying any content without identifying the source. This also includes taking another person's or AI entity's ideas or constructs and presenting them as your own. The use of AI generated content in student work is prohibited (even if cited) as it does not represent original work created by the student and is an unreliable aggregate of ideas from other sources. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. Any assignment that includes plagiarism will receive a **zero (0) grade**. (**Note:** AI detection software will be used to verify plagiarism.)

**\*About course grade:** See the grading scale in the college catalog for specific grading scale that will be used for final course grade.

1. Possible points for each specific assignment:

**\*Note:** An assignment-specific rubric will be provided for each assignment.

a. Textbook Discussion Quest. (5 @ 10)	. . . =	50
b. Exegetical Outlines (5 @ 25 ea).	. . . =	125
c. Sermon Outlines (5 @ 30 ea).	. . . =	175
d. Sermons Preached (5 @ 100 ea).	. . . =	500
e. Sermon Evaluations (5 @ 10 ea)	. . . =	50
f. Preaching Terms Word Study (1 @ 50).	. . . =	<u>50</u>
	<b>Total =</b>	<b>950 points</b>

**V. MATERIALS**

**A. Required Textbooks:**

1. The Bible: NASBU, ESV, or NET.

-The Bible is a required textbook in every course at Calvary University. To facilitate academic level study, students are required to use for assignments and research an English translation or version of the Bible based on formal equivalence (*meaning that the translation is generally word-for-word from the original languages*), including any of the following: New American Standard (NASB, English Standard Version (ESV), New King James (NKJV), or King James (KJV). Other translations and versions based on dynamic equivalence (*paraphrases, and thought-for-thought translations like NLT and NIV*) may be used as supplemental sources. Please ask the professor if you have questions about a particular translation or version.

2. Robinson, Haddon. *Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages (3<sup>rd</sup> ed)*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2014. ISBN-13: 978-0801-0491-25, Retail Price: \$22.99

**VI. ABBREVIATED CLASS SCHEDULE**

[Note: A detailed "Class Schedule" is a separate file posted in Canvas.]

<b>Week</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Assignment Due</b>
1	Exegetical Ideas & Outlines	--
2	Exeg Exer/ Ser Ideas	Exeg Study Exercise; DQ #1
3	Ser Purpose & Outlines	Ser #1 Exeg Outline
4	Support Material	Ser #1 Idea, Purpose Quest
5	Verbal/Visual/Non-Verbal	Ser #1 Outline; Eval #1; DQ #2
6	Preach Sermon #1	Ser #1 Outline
7	Ser #1 Feedback	Eval #2; DQ #3
8	Ser #2 Exegetical	Ser # 2 Exeg & SI; Eval #3; DQ #4
9	Preach Sermons #2	Ser #2 Outline
10	Ser #3 Exeg & Ser Prep	Ser #3 Exeg & SI
11	Preach Sermon #3	Ser #3 Outline
12	Ser #4 Exeg & Ser Prep	Ser #4 Exeg & SI
13	Preach Sermon #4	Ser #4 Outline
14	Ser #5 Exeg & Ser Prep	Ser #5 Exeg & SI; Eval #4
15	Preach Ser #5	Ser #5 Outline
--	Post-Course	Word Study Paper; Eval #5; DQ #5