**15PTH 650 Introduction To Homiletics (3 Credits)**

Vanguard Presbyterian School Of Ministry

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**Online Course Syllabus**

**Course Description:** Instruction in the Biblical expositional method of preparation and delivery of

expository sermons in the Reformed tradition.

1. **Course Goals**

\*Knowledge:

-Gain a basic understanding of the principles of expository sermons

-Identify and evaluate sermons in light of Reformed theology

\*Skills:

-Explain the essential parts of a Reformed sermon

-Identify the different types of preaching

-Understand the purpose, form, and delivery of a sermon

-Write and deliver a Biblical, expository, Reformed sermon

\*Character:

-Understand the absolute necessity of prayer

-Understand the absolute necessity of the work

of the Holy Spirit in preparation and delivery of a sermon

-Understand the Biblical responsibility of preaching God’s Word

-Understand the need for humility and reliance upon the Lord

1. **Course Requirements**

\*Reading

“How To Prepare Bible Messages” by James Braga

“No Falling Words - Joshua” by Dale Ralph Davis

“Preaching With Purpose” by Jay E. Adams

“Toward An Exegetical Theology” by Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.

\*Assignments

-Listen to four assigned sermons on Sermon Audio and submit a two page written

summary and evaluation for each one

-Submit four written sermons with main points and sub points

Submit “rough” written exegetical preparation work for the above

-Preach two of the above sermons online via Zoom, Skype, or other (Approximately 30 Minutes)

-Participate in online discussions (Approximately 10 Hours Total)

-Write a three page reflection paper on the benefits of the course

\*Grading

-Completion of assigned reading 15%

-Evaluation of sermons 5%

-Four written sermons (10% Each) 40%

-Two preached sermons (20% Each) 40%

**Student Reading And Assignments:**

Class 1 Read “Types of Biblical Sermons” BRAGA (pp 19-100), 1 hour discussion: intro to preaching.

Class 2 Read “Preaching” ADAMS (pp 1-65), 1 hour discussion: exegetical sermons

Class 3 Read “Sermon Construction” BRAGA (pp 103-160), 1 hour discussion: exegesis

Class 4 Read “Joshua” DAVIS (pp 11-204), 1 hour discussion: preaching the O.T.

Class 5 Submit sermon with exegetical work, Listen Sermon Audio - 2 page paper, 1 hour discussion:

preaching the N.T.

Class 6 Read “Introduction” KAISER, JR. (pp 17-41), Submit sermon with exegetical work, Listen Sermon Audio - 2 page paper, 1 hour discussion: Difference between a commentary and preaching

Class 7 Read “Sermon Construction” BRAGA (pp 161-299), 1 hour discussion: criticism.

Class 8 Submit sermon with exegetical work, Listen Sermon Audio - 2 page paper, Preach sermon online,

30 minutes discussion of sermon

Class 9 Read “Syntactical-Theological Method” KAISER, JR. (pp 69-130), Submit sermon with exegetical

work, Listen Sermon Audio - 2 page paper, 1 hour discussion: illustrations.

Class 10 Read “Preaching” ADAMS (pp 66-156).

Class 11 Read “Syntactical-Theological Method” KAISER, JR. (pp 131-211).

Class 12 Preach sermon online, 30 minutes discussion of sermon

Class 13 Write 3 page reflection paper, 1 hour discussion: a passion to preach God’s Word, wrap-up