**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