

Missional Preaching – Lay Academy 2021

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Required Texts:

Telling the Truth “The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy and Fairytale”

Frederick Buechner

Choosing the Kingdom: Missional Preaching for the Household of God

John Dally

Suggested Reading:

The Four Pages of the Sermon “A Guide to Biblical Preaching”

Paul Scott Wilson, Abingdon Press

When God Speaks Through You : How Faith Convictions Shape Preaching and Mission Craig Satterlee Alban Institute 2007

A Chorus of Witnesses “Model Sermons for Today’s Preachers”

Edited by Thomas Long & Cornelius Plantinga, Wm. Eerdmans Publishing

Preaching Fred Craddock, Abingdon Press

Finally Comes the Poet “ Daring Speech for Proclamation”

Walter Bruggemann, Fortress Press

Making Good Preaching Better “A Step by Step Guide to Scripture Based People Centered Preaching” Alvin Rueter, The Liturgical Press

Patterns of Preaching “A Sermon Sampler” Ronald J. Allen, Chalice Press

The Magnificent Defeat Frederick Buechner, Harper Collins

Course Description

The preaching course will equip lay leaders to proclaim the Good News in a worship service

Learning Outcomes

Be able to exegete a text for preaching

Be able to apply the Law/Gospel principle in writing sermons

Become familiar with resources for preaching

Develop a model for writing sermons

Write and preach a sermon

Session One - Preaching to Yourself

- Letting the text speak on its own – original context
- Letting the text speak to you – personal context
- Letting the text be the Living Word – motivation to action

Assignment: Due by October 11.

Read Telling the Truth

Write a one page reflection on any sermon you remember and why you still hear it in your head.

Session Two – Letting the Congregation Listen in

- Understanding congregational context
- Using the language of the congregation
- Use of Story
- Putting it all together

Assignment: Due by November 15

Read *Choosing the Kingdom* and write a one page reflection of an insights you gained from the book.

Session Three – The Four Pages of the Sermon

- Developing Sermon Unity
- Page One – Trouble in the Text
- Page Two – Trouble in the World
- Page Three – Grace in the Text
- Page Four – Grace in the World

Assignment: Write a sermon for any Sunday in Advent using the Four Pages model and preach it with your pastor's permission. Due on whichever Sunday in Advent you choose. Email your progress allowing me enough time to respond. i.e. Which Sunday did you choose / sermon unity / page headings / and final product.