

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Objective

This course is designed for those desiring to pursue a more in-depth understanding of biblical counseling and the distinctive issues or problems encountered with particularly difficult counseling challenges. Topics covered include anger, worry, fear, depression, medical issues, learning disorders, eating problems, decision-making, gender issues, abuse, crisis counseling, and other specific subjects and situations.

Student Learning Outcomes

By successfully completing this course, you will be able to do the following:

1. Recognize and explain eleven contemporary issues in counseling.
2. Contrast biblical approaches of counseling eleven contemporary issues with other approaches.
3. Apply biblical counseling methodology to these eleven contemporary issues.
4. Design a counseling course of action to deal with these eleven issues.

532 - Homiletics 4

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COURSE GOALS

As the final course in the homiletics curriculum, this class is focused on polish and depth by requiring frequent delivery and providing concentrated evaluation and critique of all aspects of preaching, focusing especially on three primary areas: first, providing additional instruction in handling the various genres of the Scriptural writings to further develop the students' skills in this area; second, encouraging proficiency in utilizing extrabiblical material and original languages; and third, urging experimental, to-the-heart application.

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

- *Students will demonstrate competency (in accord with established criteria from the full scope of the homiletics curriculum) in delivery with confidence, clarity, and appropriate pacing, incorporating vocal variety, body language, and eye contact for effective communication.*
- *Students will demonstrate competency (in accord with established criteria from the full scope of the homiletics curriculum) in hermeneutical skills, handling the full range of biblical material with understanding and confidence.*
- *Students will exhibit skill in engaging a congregation by connecting the sermon to their lives and concerns using relevant anecdotes, illustrations, and examples.*
- *Students will integrate theological insights into practical preaching applications.*
- *Students will show sensitivity to pastoral and ethical issues in preaching.*
- *Students will seek and accept constructive feedback on preaching, and thus be able to engage in self-reflection to identify areas for improvement in sermon preparation and delivery.*

Discipleship

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COURSE GOALS

Discipleship is a vital activity in the life of the Church, carried out by pastors, officers, and even laity who strive to assist believer's progress in spiritual maturity, commitment to the Christian faith, and ability to disciple others in turn. This course examines the discipling techniques of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostles as recorded in the Scriptures, explains how discipleship fits in the overall ministry of a local church, describes the basic needs of disciples, and identifies various techniques for training in the various stages of development of growth for faithful disciples.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

- 1. Students should be able to demonstrate a deep understanding of the biblical basis of discipleship, citing key passages and theological principles related to discipleship.*
- 2. Students will commit assigned key Scripture passages related to discipleship to memory.*
- 3. Students should be able to identify and explain the discipling techniques of our Lord and the Apostles.*
- 4. Students should be able to demonstrate the ability to disciple others in a manner appropriate to the maturity level of their target individual or group, including setting goals, creating discipleship plans, and providing spiritual guidance and support.*
- 5. Students should be able to explain how discipleship contributes to leadership formation within the church.*
- 6. Students will demonstrate through weekly reporting during the semester that they are putting the lessons learned in class regarding discipleship to practical use in various ministry contexts.*

514 - Public Speaking in the Church

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Course Goals

As the foundational course in the homiletics curriculum, the content focuses upon the physical "nuts and bolts" of speaking as well as theoretical and strategic factors in effective communication. The course will identify and explain the essentials of the process of communication; identify, explain, and evaluate student comprehension of the physical requirements for good vocal health and longevity; identify and explain all aspects of communication, verbal and non-verbal; instruct students in the rudiments of persuasion; identify logical fallacies; train in delivery and argument development; explore the ethical implications of the homiletic event so that students act in a biblically ethical manner in the pulpit; and provide several evaluated performance opportunities to put learning into practice.

Student Outcomes

- Students will be able to explain the basics of communication theory as it relates to preaching especially.*
- Students will properly use their voices for peak performance and longevity.*
- Students will demonstrate proficiency in all areas of non-verbal communication.*
- Students will demonstrate consistent clarity in their diction.*
- Students will demonstrate their understanding of the rudiments of organization for speech.*
- Students will demonstrate proficiency in persuasive speech.*
- The student will be able to explain and demonstrate biblical standards of behavior when teaching the Bible.*
- Students will seek and accept constructive feedback on their speaking, and thus be able to engage in self-reflection to identify areas for improvement in sermon preparation and delivery.*