



Village Missions Contenders Discipleship Initiative

Syllabus

Course: Evangelism, Teaching & Preaching

Video

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Overview: This course is a study in communicating God's Word through the three different avenues: Evangelism, Teaching and Preaching. Methods and practices for developing clear biblical messages in all three areas will be studied and practiced. The historical and biblical backgrounds for communicating biblical truth from these three areas will be surveyed.

This course will be a practice of public speaking with the goal of effectively communicating the truth of God's Word in a variety of settings. Public speaking is not taught in this course as a separate subject, because it is practiced in class through the various assignments and exercises surrounding the three main areas of emphasis.

The activities of Evangelism, Teaching and Preaching are not reserved solely for the so-called professional clergy, nor are they only to be practiced by those who have been called into full-time Christian ministry. God's Word makes it clear that every follower of Jesus Christ is to share his faith with others:

"But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence." (1 Peter 3:15) NASB

Christ commanded His disciples to teach others what He had taught them:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you." (Matt. 28:19-20a) NASB

Peter, speaking to Cornelius' household of the command given by Christ to His disciples, stated:

"And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. (Acts 10:42) NASB

It is highly recommended that you complete Bibliology and How to Study the Bible prior to taking this course, since this course builds upon skills learned there. The ability to study a passage of Scripture and determine what it says, what it means, and how it applies to your life is essential in constructing biblical lessons and messages. Ideally, you would have completed all previous courses in the Contenders Discipleship Initiative prior to this course.

Course Objectives

Upon completing this course, you will have the basic tools needed to effectively communicate God's Word in your home, at your local church, among acquaintances or co-workers, and anywhere else the Lord may call upon you to share the truth of His life-changing Word.

Subjects covered:

- Evangelism: The Biblical Foundation
The Responsibility of Evangelism
The Content of Evangelism
Developing Your Personal Evangelism

- Teaching: Exposition and the Old Testament
Exposition and the New Testament
Lesson Plan and Exegesis

- Preaching: Steps to a Sermon
The Big Idea Approach
The Problem-Question Approach
Sermon Introductions
Sermon Transitions and Conclusions
The Call and Worth of a Preacher

- Classroom: Lectures
Class discussions
In-class speaking assignments

Outside assignments will include:

- Developing and sharing your personal testimony
- Memorizing several key Bible passages for evangelism
- Developing a Bible Lesson
- Preparing two sermons from assigned biblical texts

Recommended Text Books:

Title	ISBN
<i>Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God</i> by J.I. Packer	978-083083799
<i>Teaching to Change Lives</i> by Howard G. Hendricks	978-1590521380
<i>The Bible, Live</i> by Dr. Vernal Wilkinson	978-1432766399