

Syllabus

Course: Feed the Flock: Expository Bible Preaching

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Class Description: *Feed the Flock* is an extensive course on Bible preaching that focuses on the expository method. The goal of expository preaching is simply to let the verse or passage speak by drawing out the main lessons and then explaining and applying those lessons to the daily living experience of the audience. “Whether we can be called expositors starts with our purpose and with our honest answer to the question: ‘Do you, as a preacher, endeavor to bend your thought to the Scriptures, or do you use the Scriptures to support your thought?’” (Haddon Robinson).

Videos for this course can be found on the Media List under the title: “The Preachers Preaching” at <https://www.wayoflife.org/media/>

Texts Required for class:

The King James Bible

Feed the Flock by David W. Cloud, 181 pages, September 2020 Edition

Outcomes—At the end of the course, all students will be able to:

1. Identify the characteristics of biblical preaching.
2. Understand the importance of preaching and the call of preaching.
3. Define and explain the benefits of expository preaching.
4. Plan a message and preach a message.
5. Differentiate between interpretation, illustration, and application.

Evaluation—the class grade will be broken up in the following manner:

Tests (2) – 50%

Quizzes (5) – 20%

Projects (3) – 30%

90–100%	A	70–79%	C
80–89%	B	0–69%	D (Failing)

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *Feed the Flock* completely and answer all review questions.

Outcome 2. Students watch all fifteen companion videos for the course.

Outcome 3. Students take diligent notes during class over important topics regarding preaching.

Outcome 4. Students memorize the key passage, 2 Timothy 4:1-4.

Outcome 5. Students take tests over the material covered in class and read outside of class.

Outcome 6. Students prepare two expository messages using the method described in the text book.

There are two options for taking this class. They are the following:

- **Slower Pace-15 Week Option**

This option takes a total of 15 weeks and has regular assignments two times every week: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- **Advanced-One Month Option**

This option takes a total of 4 weeks and has regular assignments six times every week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

-----Slower Pace-15 Week Option-----

Course Outline:

Week Topics

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Lessons from 2 Timothy 4:1-4
- 3 The Preacher as a Student
- 4 The Preacher as a Student/ Expository Preaching
- 5 Expository Preaching
- 6 Expository Preaching
- 7 Expository Preaching/ Planning the Message
- 8 **Test 1/** Preparing the Message
- 9 Preaching the Message
- 10 Preaching the Message
- 11 Preaching the Message
- 12 Preaching the Message
- 13 Interpretation, Illustration, Application
- 14 Following up the Message/ A Preacher's Evaluation Checklist
- 15 **Test 2 (Final)**

Weeks:**Assignments:**

Weeks	Tuesday	Thursday
1	Pages 1-7 Video 1 (Introduction Pt. 1)	Pages 7-13 Video 2 (Introduction Pt. 2)
2	Pages 14-20 Video 3 (Lessons From 2 Tim. Pt. 1)	Pages 20-30 Video 4 (Lessons From 2 Tim. Pt. 2)
3	Pages 31-37 Video 5 (Lessons From 2 Tim. Pt. 3)	Pages 37-43 Video 6 (Lessons From 2 Tim. Pt. 4)
4	Pages 44-52 Video 7 (The Preacher as a Student)	Pages 53-58 Quiz 1—2 Timothy 4:1
5	Pages 58-63 Video 8 (Expository Preaching Pt. 1)	Pages 63-69
6	Pages 69-74 Video 9 (Expository Preaching Pt. 2)	Pages 74-81 Quiz 2—2 Timothy 4:2
7	Pages 81-87 Video 10 (Expository Preaching Pt. 3)	Pages 88-92
8	Test 1—covers pages 1-92	Pages 93-100
9	Pages 101-107	Pages 107-114 Quiz 3—2 Timothy 4:3
10	Pages 114-119	Pages 120-130
11	Pages 131-136 Video 11 (Preaching the Message Pt. 1)	Pages 136-143 Quiz 4—2 Timothy 4:4
12	Pages 144-150 Video 12 (Preaching the Message Pt. 2)	Pages 151-160
13	Pages 161-166 Video 13 (Interpretation, Illustration, Application Pt. 1)	Pages 167-175 Video 14 (Interpretation, Illustration, Application Pt. 2)
14	Pages 176-181 Video 15 (Interpretation, Illustration, Application Pt. 3)	<i>Work on project</i> Quiz 5—2 Timothy 4:1-4 Scripture Reading Project
15	Expository Messages (2)	Test 2—Final

Course Outline:**Week Topics**

- 1 Introduction/ Lessons from 2 Timothy 4:1-4/ The Preacher as a Student
- 2 Expository Preaching/ Planning the Message
- 3 **Test 1**/ Preaching the Message
- 4 Preaching the Message/ Interpretation, Illustration, Application/ Following up the Message/ A Preacher's Evaluation Checklist/ **Test 2 (Final)**

Weeks**Assignment**

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Pages 1-13 Video 1: Intro. Pt. 1 and Video 2: Intro. Pt. 2	Pages 14-20 Video 3: Lessons From 2 Tim. Pt. 1	Pages 20-30 Quiz 1— 2 Tim. 4:1 Video 4: Lessons From 2 Tim. Pt. 2	Pages 31-37 Video 5: Lessons From 2 Tim. Pt. 3	Pages 37-43 Video 6: Lessons From 2 Tim. Pt. 4	Pages 44-52 Video 7: The Preacher as a Student
2	Pages 53-63 Video 8: Expository Preaching Pt. 1	Pages 63-69	Pages 69-74 Quiz 2— 2 Tim. 4:2 Video 9: Expository Preaching Pt. 2	Pages 74-81	Pages 81-87 Video 10: Expository Preaching Pt. 3	Pages 88-92
3	Test 1— covers pages 1-92 Pages 93-100	Pages 101-114	Pages 114-119 Quiz 3— 2 Tim. 4:3	Pages 120-130	Pages 131-136 Video 11: Preaching the Message Pt. 1	Pages 136-143
4	Pages 144-150 Video 12: Preaching the Message Pt. 2	Pages 151-160	Pages 161-166 Video 13: Interpretation, Illustration, Application Pt. 1 Quiz 4— 2 Tim. 4:4	Pages 167-175 Video 14: Interpretation, Illustration, Application Pt. 2 Scripture Reading Project	Pages 176-181 Video 15: Interpretation, Illustration, Application Pt. 3 Quiz 5— 2 Tim. 4:1-4	Test 2— Final Expository Messages (2)

Details of Course Assignments:

- **Reading Assignments**

Students are given reading assignments each day and must complete the assignments along with answering the corresponding questions.

- **Videos**

The student will be required to watch the videos entitled “*The Preachers Preaching*” for this course. On the days the videos are assigned, the student must make sure he has all of his assignments turned in and any quizzes already taken. (*Note: for those doing the Advanced-One Month option, there are **two** videos assigned for the first day.*)

- **Quizzes (5)**

Quizzes will be given on five Thursdays (*for the slower-paced option*) scattered throughout the semester. The student will be memorizing 1 Timothy 4:1-4. The first four quizzes will be over only one verse from the passage. The last quiz (Quiz 5) will be cumulative over the entire passage (all four verses).

- **Course Projects (3)**

There are two main projects for this course. The first project will be to read certain passages of Scripture, and the second project will be to prepare two expository messages. The details for both projects are below:

- **Scripture Reading**

The student will need to read Psalm 1, 2, and 72, and John 3 by the method described in the chapter on “Preaching the Message.” See the section, “Preach by reading distinctly.” The student must submit a 3x5 card to his instructor stating that he has read each passage aloud, according to the method described in the textbook on the day the project is due.

- **Expository Messages (2)**

The student will also need to prepare expository messages on Acts 2:37-47 and Psalm 22 by the method described in the chapter “Preparing the Message.” Be sure to include all of the principles mentioned in this chapter.

- **Tests (2)**

There will be a total of two tests taken during this semester. Including certain review questions and potentially additional important information in the reading, the tests will be short answer questions. The tests are used to measure how much the student has retained over the course. Test 1 will cover the first half of the book, and Test 2 will be cumulative over the whole book.

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