

# INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES

## HOMILETICS

### Course Syllabus

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### Course Description

This course will examine the essentials of expository preaching. We will cover the indispensability of preaching, the life of the preacher, the method of sermon preparation, the value of systematic exposition, and the need for the power of the Holy Spirit in preaching.

### Course Objectives

At the conclusion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Have a greater appreciation for the indispensability of preaching God's Word.
2. Prepare biblically based, Christ-centered sermons.
3. Utilize resources for sermon preparation.

### Required Textbook

Stott, John R. W., *Between Two Worlds: The Challenge of Preaching Today*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans; Reprint Edition, 1982. ISBN-01:0802806279.

### Course Requirements

Read the textbook and write a **THREE PAGE** reflection paper, with a particular focus on both the "theological foundations for preaching" as well as the need for "courage

and humility” in preaching. These subjects are dealt with in chapters three and eight in Stott’s book. **This paper is due to the Archdeacon at [kalday@cfdiocese.org](mailto:kalday@cfdiocese.org) on or before the scheduled day of the class in the ICS catalog.**

The overall class assignment, **which will be due 30 days following the scheduled class date in the ICS catalog**, is to write a sermon based on 2 Timothy 4: 1-4, Paul’s commission to Timothy. The length of the sermon is based on how long it takes to preach it. You should be able to preach the sermon in 15 to 18 minutes. For the purpose of this course it should be **five to seven pages in length, 14 point font, double spaced, with one inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right)**. **Also include a detailed outline of your sermon**; the outline does not count toward the five to seven page length requirement.

In your sermon you will need to address the background and context of Paul’s commission to Timothy, the solemnity and scope of the commission, as well as the specific concern Paul had regarding those who would be intolerant to God’s Word. Finally, you will need to apply what Paul says to our lives today, especially concerning the importance of preaching.

**It is a requirement of the Institute that all final assignments be in 30 days following the class. I cannot accept late assignments for credit. Please email your sermon to me at [kalday@cfdiocese.org](mailto:kalday@cfdiocese.org) , or mail them to me at the Diocesan office. If you mail your sermon it must be received prior to 30 days following the class date in the ICS catalog.**

### **Prayer for Clergy and People**

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.* (BCP 817)