



GREATER MORNING STAR APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES, INC.
YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM
COURSE OUTLINE

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Course Title: Basic Elements of Preaching

Credit Hours: 1.5

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Description:

This course will focus on the basic elements of preaching as it relates to biblical precepts. In this course you will learn the different styles and delivery methods of preaching. The importance of proper preparation spiritually and educationally; ultimately you will understand key components in delivering a spirit lead sermon.

Prerequisite: The Books of the Bible; Divisions of the Books of the Bible; Principles of the Apostolic Doctrine

Textbook(s): Montoya D., Alex: *Preaching with Passion*; Alexander J., Eric: *What is Biblical Preaching?*

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify the different styles/types of preaching.
2. Understand the importance of preaching.
3. Develop and present a sermon.
4. Identify the dangers of preaching.
5. Understand the components of being fit to preach.
6. Determine what qualifies a person to preach.

Grading Criteria:

Tests: (2 @ 10%)	20%
Writing Assign.	10%
Sermon Outline:	30%
Oral Final:	40%
Total:	100%

A= 90-100

B= 80-89

C= 70-79

D= 60-69

F= below 60% (*failing grade*)



Content Outline & Competencies:

- I. (Introduction) What is Preaching** – proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.
- A. Webster - *to urge acceptance or abandonment of an idea or course of action; to deliver a sermon publicly; to advocate earnestly*
 - B. Greek (kerysso) kā-rú's-sō – *to preach, preacher, publish or proclaim*
 - C. Core components
 - i. Death
 - ii. Burial
 - iii. Resurrection
 - D. The preacher's job is to interpret the message that God has given him/her and to explain it, and to apply it to the needs of the people. Preaching does not "focus" on delivery, but on what God has revealed to them in the spirit. Preaching must be derived primarily from the Scriptures rather than from human speculation.
- II. Why Preaching is Important**
- A. Preaching is important because Christ commanded us to do so: Mark 16:15
 - B. Preaching releases the Power of God: 1 Corinthians 1:18
 - C. Preaching pleases God: 1 Corinthians 1:21
- III. What Qualifies a Preacher**
- A. Must be Regenerated
 - i. St. John 3:3-7; Acts 2:38
 - ii. Have surety of salvation
 - B. Must Love the Lord
 - i. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
 - ii. St. John 14:31
 - C. Must Love Souls
 - A preacher can never be a real preacher of Christ without a deep passion for the lost souls to whom he preaches the Gospel to.
 - i. St. Luke 19:10
 - ii. The preacher who loves souls will give himself wholeheartedly to the task of winning them for Christ.
 - D. Must be a Student of the Bible
 - If God has called you to teach and preach His Word, you must also be a student of His Word.
 - i. Types of bible readers:
 1. Those who read through the bible
 2. Those who allow the Word to go through them
 - ii. Preacher should be able to memorize scriptures
 - iii. Study Word in practical application
 - E. Must be a Man/Woman of Prayer
 - Theology and delivery should "NEVER" replace prayer
 - Luke 18:1
 - F. Must Have a Clean Life
 - i. Isaiah 52:11
 - ii. "Take care of your character and the Lord will take care of your reputation". Character is what a person is: reputation is what others



think he is. God is far more concern with who we are then what we do.

- G. Must be Fit for the Work
 - i. Spiritually – in prayer
 - ii. Physically – natural health/in shape
 - iii. Mentally – sound in mind
 - iv. Educationally – learned in subject

IV. The Dangers of the Preacher

- A. Becoming lacks with God's Word: Leviticus 10:1-3
- B. Inconsistent Living: Matthew 23:3
- C. Neglection of Your Own Spiritual Development: Song of Solomon 1:6
- D. Popularity: St. John 12:43

V. The Main types of Preaching Styles

- A. **Topical** – *sermons where the minister decides on a topic and then searches scripture for biblical texts to support and that is applicable to the topic*
- B. **Biographical** – *sermons that provide a biography of a person and draws moral lessons from the persons life*
- C. **Evangelistic** – *sermons that seek to convert the congregation or bring a person back to their previous faith through conviction*
- D. **Expository or Exegesis** (traditional) – *sermons that expound and explain a point of the text as the main subject*
- E. **Textual** – *refers to a passage of scripture but does not use the main point of the text as the main point*

VI. The Sermon and Its Structure

- A. The Definition
 - i. The sermon is a oral address
 - ii. Sermon should be spoken in language the audience can relate to
 - iii. Sermon are scriptural truths
 - iv. Spoken with persuasion
- B. The Text – the Holy writ of God
 - i. It gives authority to the message
 - ii. It unifies the sermon
 - iii. It prepares the hearers
- C. Selection of Text
 - i. Text should express your whole thought
 - ii. Text to expound on should be inspired by God
 - iii. Stay away from confusing text
 - iv. Don't be afraid to choose familiar text
 - v. Text should address selected audience
 - vi. You should interpret text honestly
 - vii. Understand text for its exact meaning
- D. Theme/Title
 - The theme is part of the sermon which defines the main truth to be expounded from the text. Therefore the theme is the most striking truth about the text.
 - i. The theme should state exactly what the preacher intends to discuss
 - ii. The theme should be simple



- E. Introduction
 - ii. Use to awaken the hearers
 - iii. Prepare hearers for understanding of theme
 - 1. Your introduction has the ability to either gain or lose the audience
 - 2. Intro should lead right into thought of the sermon
 - 3. Intro should be simple and short
- F. Body
 - This is the main part of the sermon that addresses the theme with the following components:
 - i. Examples – personal and/or known
 - ii. Points – key issues
 - iii. Scriptural references – Old and/or New Testaments
 - iv. Thoughts – insights and/or revelation
- G. Conclusion
 - This portion should sum up your objective and thought

VII. Preparation for the Sermon

- A. Pray for sermon
- B. Pray for scriptural references for sermon
- C. “pray some more”
- D. Study scripture passage(s)
- E. Meditate on scripture passage(s)
- F. Select Subject from scripture passage
 - This should be done humbly

VIII. Preparing for Sermon Outline

- A. Start early when sermon comes to mind
- B. Don't procrastinate
- C. Re-read passages of scripture again (audibly)
- D. Look for parallel or supporting scriptures in the bible
- E. Use a Concordance to find references
- F. Concentrate on the topic and text to speak about
 - i. Discover your theme
 - ii. Arrange the main thoughts
 - iii. Meditate on the passage
 - iv. Write down thoughts as they come
- G. Place everything in logical order

IX. Before the Delivery of the Sermon

- A. Concentrate yourself
- B. Pray for God's will to do done
- C. Expect your sermon to change lives
- D. Remove yourself from all hindrances and negativity
- E. Be careful what you hear, see and eat
- F. Meditate on Holy things
- G. Be well rested



Assignment Order:

Assignment 1: Read: Montoya D., Alex: *Preaching with Passion*

- Familiarize yourself with chapters 1-4 main topics. Test questions will come from this book along with outline.
- Test 1 (open book)

Assignment 2: Read: Montoya D., Alex: *Preaching with Passion*

- Familiarize yourself with chapters 5-8 main topics. Test question will come from this book along with outline.
- Test 2 (open book)

Assignment 3: Read: Alexander J., Eric: *What is Biblical Preaching?*

- After reading book in its entirety, record a few new insights that you have gained from the reading of this book
- Paper should not exceed 1 page

Assignment 4: Sermon outline (*please call for specific guidelines and grading*)

Assignment 5: Oral presentation (*please call for specific guidelines and grading*)

Basic Sermon Outlines:

Copy the following links into your internet browser to find sermon outline examples. You can also find other examples by running a Google search:

http://executableoutlines.com/pdf/3jn_so.pdf

http://www.ccel.org/contrib/exec_outlines/2tim/2tim_so.pdf

When preparing to write your sermon use the examples that you find online to structure your sermon. Your sermon should fit your reading and oral style. Please note that the sermon you use for the assignment will also be the sermon used for the oral exam.

If you have any questions about formatting and preparation of your sermon please do not hesitate to call me with your questions.