

# **THE INSTITUTE OF DISCIPLESHIP**

*SERMON PREPARATION      SPRING 2024    FEB. 7- MAY 29*

*Wednesdays – Online – 7:00-8:20 on Zoom*

**Instructor- Dean Randall Wade Murphy M.Div., Ed.D.**

Email contact – [randall.murphy@weloveiod.com](mailto:randall.murphy@weloveiod.com)

Sermon Preparation is an introductory course to the theory and practices of theological preaching in liturgical settings. In this course, students will study various theoretical concepts of preaching, different strategies of sermon formulations, several approaches of oratorical pacing, an array of disciplines that relate to homiletics, and an array of terms to help with Biblical studies.

## **Objectives:**

1. To develop an understanding of your calling
2. To develop and understanding of Homiletics
3. To learn various approaches of sermon delivery
4. To begin to consider how homiletics' relates to other disciplines.
5. To develop a preaching style that is powerful and effective

### **Additional Readings**

I will regularly assign readings which are listed on specific class days.

## **Course Requirements and Expectations**

- 1) Attend class
- 2) Participate in class discussions.
- 3) Learn the theoretical sermon terminology
- 4) Complete all assignments
- 5) Prepare to preach during the summer semester

## Sermon Grading and Supervision Contracts:

Sermons will be graded on the following criteria:

1. Careful work with biblical texts
2. Sensitive attention to the dynamics of church and culture
3. Evidence of significant theological reflection
4. Appropriate embodiment and performance (including evidence of preparation and practice, vocal dynamics, use of the body)
5. Clear, significant, and memorable message
6. Delivered with energy and integrity consistent with the preacher's emerging identity and context.

## Course Grading

- Weekly Written Class Assignments 50%
- Final Examination 50%
- TOTAL 100%

## Schedule of Lectures and Assignments

February 7 - 14

The Bible and Preaching  
Sermon Building and Terminology  
Article Summary Due 2/14

February 21-28

Sociological Integration to Preaching  
Sermon Building and Terminology  
Article Summary Due 2/28

March 6

Psychology Integration to Preaching  
Sermon Building and Terminology  
Article Summary Due 3/6

MARCH 11 – 17 SPRING BREAK ----- HAVE A BLAST----- DO SELF CARE----- GO HAVE SOME FUN

March 20	Economic Development Preaching Sermon Building and Terminology Article Summary Due 3/20
March 27	Self Esteem – Self Worth Preaching Sermon Building and Terminology
April 3	Relationships and Family Preaching Sermon Building and Terminology
April 10-17	Demonic Activity and Preaching Sermon Building and Terminology
April 24 – May 1	Spiritual Health and Wellness Sermon Building and Terminology
May 8 - 21	Sermon Building
May 28	THE FINAL EXAM

## Instructor and Student Responsibilities

As your Instructor, it is my responsibility to:

- Provide the grading scale and detailed grading formula explaining how student grades are to be derived
- Facilitate an effective learning environment through learner-centered instructional techniques

- Provide a description of any special projects or assignments
- Inform students of policies such as attendance, withdrawal, tardiness, and make ups
- Provide the course outline and class calendar which will include a description of any special projects or assignments
- Arrange to meet with individual students before and after class as required

As a student, it is your responsibility to:

- Attend class online
- Participate actively by reviewing course material, interacting with classmates, and responding promptly in your communication with me
- Read and comprehend all reading assignments
- Complete the required assignments and exams
- Ask for help when there is a question or problem

## Grading Formula

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F Below 60

Any problems to report in this class? Contact Dr. Mary Dancy at [mary.dancy@weloveiod.com](mailto:mary.dancy@weloveiod.com)