

Canadian Theological Seminary
Feb 9-11 & Mar 9-11, 2006

PR 601-CM Chinese Expository Preaching

華人釋經講道

Instructor: Dr. Francis Tam (execsec@ccaca.org)

Course Description:

This course trains students in the interpretation of the various genre of the Bible for purposes of preaching and teaching in the Chinese church. Students will develop and practice their skills of “bridging” from biblical exegesis to expository preaching. In order to reach the postmoderns, students will learn deductive and inductive methods of sermon making. Consideration is also given to the basic principles that guide the effective delivery of the sermon. This course is taught in Cantonese.

Dates:

Credit & audit students attend two extended weekends: Feb 9-11 & Mar 9-11, 2006 (Thurs 7-10:30 pm; Fri 7-10:30 pm; Sat 9 am – 6 pm).

Location:

Canadian Theological Seminary, 630, 833-4th Avenue SW, Calgary, AB

Instructor:

Francis Tam (DMin), currently Executive Secretary of the Canadian Chinese Alliance Churches Association, coordinates the ministries of the 75 Chinese Alliance churches in Canada. Formerly a professional engineer and an elected church elder, Dr. Tam served as a church planter and senior pastor in Ontario. Other than teaching in Canada, Dr. Tam also serves as an adjunct professor for Taiwan Alliance Theological College in Taipei. Being passionate in training future church leaders, Dr. Tam is one of the Founding Directors of the Association of Canadian Chinese Theological Education. Dr. Tam received his Doctor of Ministry degree in Preaching from Trinity International University in Chicago.

Required Textbooks:

1. Chow, Liew Hwa. 1987. The New Homiletics. In Chinese. Taipei: Chinese Christian Literature Council.
or
Chapell, Bryan. 1994, 2005. Christ-Centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon. Grand Rapids: Baker.
2. Stott, John. 1982. I Believe in Preaching. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Grand Rapids:

Eerdmans. (Chinese translation available)

Recommended Books:

1. Osborne, Grant R. 1991. The Hermeneutical Spiral: A Comprehensive Introduction to Biblical Interpretation. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press.
2. Larsen, David L. 1989. The Anatomy of Preaching: Identifying the Issues in Preaching Today. Grand Rapids: Baker.
3. Larsen, David L. 1995. Telling the Old, Old Story: The Art of Narrative Preaching. Wheaton: Crossway.
4. Robinson, Haddon W. 1980. Biblical Preaching. Grand Rapids: Baker.
5. Wiersbe, Warren W. 1994. Preaching and Teaching with Imagination: The Quest for Biblical Ministry. Grand Rapids: Baker Books.
6. Dudit, Michael, ed. 1992. Handbook of Contemporary Preaching. Nashville: Boardman.

Course Learning Outcomes Expectations:

1. Appreciate current preaching issues in the Chinese Church.
2. Identify various contemporary preaching approaches.
3. Recognize the difference between deductive and inductive preaching.
4. Comprehend an expository preaching model for the Chinese Church.
5. Prepare the students spiritually to take up the role of a preacher.
6. Understand the developmental process & the delivery of a biblical sermon.
7. Able to plan & commence the preaching ministry in a Chinese church.

Course Outline:

1. The Principles of Expository Preaching 釋經講道的原理
2. The Preparation of Expository Preaching 釋經講道的預備
3. The Practice of Expository Preaching 釋經講道的實踐
4. Hermeneutics and Preaching 釋經學與講道
5. Explanation, Illustration and Application 解經, 喻證與應用
6. Inductive and Deductive Preaching 歸納式及演繹式講道
7. Introduction, Transition and Conclusion 引言, 轉接與結論
8. Class preaching practicum 課堂講道實習

Evaluation:

1. Class participation – students are expected to attend all sessions. (10%)
2. Read the two required textbooks and write two reading reports (2-3 pages). (20%)
3. Class Preaching Practicum – a 30 minutes sermon (20%)
4. One complete OT sermon write-up (8-10 pages) with sermon analysis. (20%)
5. One complete NT sermon write-up (8-10 pages) with sermon analysis. (20%)

6. A short personal reflection paper (2-3 pages) on Expository Preaching in the Chinese Church. (10%)

Assignment Due Dates:

1. Reading reports are due on Mar 9, 2006 during class.
2. Class Preaching Practicum is due on Mar 11, 2006 during class.
3. OT & NT sermon write-ups are due on April 26, 2006.
4. Personal reflection paper is due on April 26, 2006.
5. For students who expect to graduate from CTS the following spring, please discuss with instructor re course project write-up & personal reflection paper due date.
6. Assignments may be submitted in either English or Chinese.
7. Grade point will be penalized for any late assignment.
8. Sermon write-ups & the personal reflection paper must be mailed or emailed to the instructor prior to the due date of April 26, 2006.

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9. Students must provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope (of sufficient size and postage) to enable us to return the graded assignments. It is recommended that the student enclose this with their completed assignments when they are mailed to us.
10. Extensions for the completion of course work are not available from the instructor. Only those students who encounter a serious and unforeseen emergency that prevents the completion of course work may submit a request, in writing, to the Office of the Academic Dean at least two weeks prior to the due date.

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