

EVANGELISTIC PREACHING  
(EVG 670)

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I. Course Description:

A study of the development of evangelistic messages, consideration of methods employed in evangelistic preaching for both the pastoral and itinerant setting, and the effective proclaiming of the evangelistic message. Preaching experience will be included.

II. Outline of the Course:

1. Definitions and basic terms.
2. Why evangelistic preaching?
3. The preacher's spiritual life.
4. Evangelistic preaching distinctives.
5. His story and our story.
6. Constructing the evangelistic sermon.
7. Delivering the evangelistic sermon.
8. The invitation.
9. The spirit of evangelistic preaching.
10. The value of evangelistic preaching.

III. Assignments and due dates:

1. Develop five (5) evangelistic sermon outlines (minimum three pages) using the enclosed Evangelistic Sermon Outline model. One is due **June 16** and four are due on **July 16**.
2. Preach one (1) evangelistic sermon beginning on **June 17** (Tues).
3. Write an evangelistic sermon manuscript. **Due July 24**.
4. Read two books related to evangelistic preaching. In a five (5) page paper compare the texts, highlight their strengths and explain 10 ways you will implement what you gleaned from them. **Due July 3**.
5. Develop an illustration file of 50 entries. Illustrations must be retrievable by topic, include the contents of the illustration, and have full bibliographical data attached. **Due Aug. 4**.
6. Portfolio on evangelistic preaching. The portfolio must include the following:
  - a. Resources for evangelistic preaching, such as ideas, periodicals or website articles.
  - b. List websites helpful to evangelistic preaching.
  - c. Note appropriate tools for calling people into a loving relationship with God.
  - d. Concepts that coach a pastor in the development of evangelistic preaching.
  - e. The evaluation of five evangelistic sermons preached by five separate preachers.
  - f. Read an additional book. Include relevant and helpful material.

- g. A two-page evaluation of your ability to preach.
- h. List 25 evangelistic scripture texts with titles or topics for potential sermon development.
- i. Read 5 articles on preaching and outline the main ideas.
- j. A table of contents.
- k. A bibliography of resources.

Optional: Video clips or Power-point presentations.

**Due Aug 12.**

IV. Grading will be based on:

91 – 100%	=	A
81 – 90	=	B
71 – 80	=	C
61 – 70	=	D
below 60	=	F

No late assignments will be accepted.

1. Five sermon outlines @75 pts each	375 pts.
2. Evangelistic sermon preached	100 pts.
3. Evangelistic sermon manuscript	100 pts
4. Teach a text in class	100 pts
5. Illustration file	150 pts
6. Portfolio	300 pts.
7. Class participation	75 pts.

Total Points	1200
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