

PRH654 – Biblical Preaching: The Gospel of John

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The following adjustments will be made to the NTL654 syllabus for the Gospel of John.

Under Course Plan, item 2, Commentary Reading and Reports, the readings from Painter, et. al. are removed from the requirements.

Under Course Plan, item 3, Sermons or Bible Study Outlines, is removed from the list of requirements.

Under Course Plan, item 5, Major Research Project, is removed from the course requirements.

Under Course Plan, item 6, Attendance, etc, two days of NTL654 absence will be granted without penalty.

In exchange, attendance is expected on February 22, March 29, and April 12 for the Preaching John Lab from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The room is to be determined. Also, the assignments listed below will be required.

Reading on Preaching - You should read one each from both of the following groups:

Either Eslinger, Richard L. *The Web of Preaching: New Options in Homiletic Method*, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2002.

Or Eslinger, Richard L. *A New Hearing: Living Options in Homiletic Method*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1987.

and

Either Kysar, Robert. *Preaching John*, Fortress Resources for Preaching. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002.

Or Williamson, Lamar, Jr. *Preaching the Gospel of John: Proclaiming the Living Word*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2004

A 2-3 page synthesis-reflection paper on one of the Eslinger books will be due on March 29. A 2-3 page synthesis-reflection paper on the Kysar or Williamson book will be due on April 12.

Each of the above books are on one week reserve in the Library with the exception of Williamson's book which is still on order. If you wish to examine the Williamson book to consider ordering it yourself, you may examine the professor's copy in his office.

Lectures on Preaching - On Feb. 22 we will meet for lectures on Preaching and preaching from John. This meeting will be from 9:00-11:30 a.m. On March 29 we may have time remaining after all four have preached their 15 minute sermon. If so we will devote that time to further lectures on Preaching.

Preaching in Class - On March 29 we will preach 15minutes sermons in class. On April 12 we will preach 20 minute sermons in class. The 15 minute sermon should be based on a text in John 1-9. The 20 minute sermon should be based on a text in John 10-20. One of the sermons should be constructed as a narrative sermon according to the narrative sermon design described in Eslinger, chapter 2. The other sermon should be either a expository or inductive sermon. You will be asked to identify the sermon type before you preach it. You should be prepared to turn your notes or manuscript to the instructor after preaching the sermon. You will be evaluated by your classmates and the instructor on the basis of fidelity to the biblical text, fidelity to the announced sermonic form, and delivery. Assume a “typical” Sunday morning context for preaching.