

PT 500 MINISTRY of the Word in Worship
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PT 500 Ministry of the Word in Worship 3 CREDIT HOURS. This course is designed to teach the nature of the Christian ministry, the nature of the call to the ministry, and the requisite graces and gifts. It will also address the nature of worship, the centrality of preaching, and a wide range of subjects related to Pastoral Theology from a Reformed Baptist perspective.

Required Reading:

1. T. David Gordon: *Equipping Ministry in Ephesians 4?* In *JETS* 37/1 (March, 1994), 69-78. (9/5)
2. Sydney H.T. Page: *Whose Ministry? A Re-appraisal of Ephesians 4:12* in *Novum Testamentum* XLVII:1 (2005), 26-46. (9/5)
3. John Owen: *Works*, 4:420-520 "A Discourse of Spiritual Gifts." (9/19)
4. John Carrick, *The Imperative of Preaching* (Banner of Truth 2003). (9/26)
5. Stefan T. Lindblad, *Redemptive History and the Preached Word* in *The Banner of Truth*: "Part 1: Introduction" is in *BOT* 500 (May 2005), 15-25; "Part 2: Interpretation" is in *BOT* 502 (July 2005), 12-23; "Part 3: The Ministry of the Word" is in *BOT* 504 (October 2005), 11-22. (10/3).
6. C. Trimp: *Preaching and the History of Salvation: Continuing an Unfinished Discussion* (Mid-America Reformed Seminary, 1996 Translation). (10/10)
7. Dennis Johnson, *Him We Proclaim* (P&R 2007). (10/24)
8. D.G. Hart and John Muether: *With Reverence and Awe* (P&R, 2002). (10/31)
9. T. David Gordon: *Some Answers About the Regulative Principle* in *WTJ* 55 (1993), 321-29. (11/21)
10. T. David Gordon: *Public Worship in the Reformed and Presbyterian Tradition*.(11/21)
11. *London Baptist Confession of 1689* (For reference purposes)

Course Requirements:

Regular attendance. Excessive absences may require grade adjustment. **NB: You are required to attend the final hour of Dr. Johnson's PT500 course on Thursday 11/7 at 2:45 PM.**

Class participation: It is expected that all students will participate in class discussions.
Examinations: There will be two exams, one at mid-term, and the other during finals week.

Reading: As noted above. **A reading report will be required at the end of the semester.**

Class projects: All students will complete a class project as described below.

Grading will be according to Westminster Seminary standards.

Class Project: Preaching and Sermon evaluation notebook/class presentation. Preaching is, in many ways, a learned art. In a sense similar to Paul's words in 1 Cor. 11:1, we follow good preachers as they follow Christ and the apostles in their preaching. We can learn many good things from them, while also identifying pitfalls to avoid. For this reason, exposure to a wide variety of sound and able preachers is a great help to the developing minister.

In order to encourage the student to sit at the feet of good preachers, this course will require each student to listen to and/or read the sermons of such preachers, and interact with their work. Each week, the student must: pick a sermon to listen to or read; take copious notes regarding the content/form/delivery (if on audio/videotape) of the sermon. The student should make special note of the means of opening the text, communicating this to the audience, use of illustrations, and method of application. This material should be presented to the instructor in two ways: 1. The student is to present a **WEEKLY** paragraph on the sermon considered during the previous week; 2. At the end of the term, the complete material will be gathered into a notebook which will be evaluated by the professor.

The student must evaluate 12 sermons over the course of 13 weeks of the semester according to the schedule below. *Time permitting*, at the end of the term, the student will present his material in class.

September 12 John Chrysostom: "Homily 27 on the Gospel of John"

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/240127.htm>

September 19 Gregory Nazianzus: "Oration 40" On Holy Baptism"

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/310240.htm>

September 26 Bernard of Clairvaux: "On Advent"

<http://archive.org/stream/sermonsofstberna00bernuoft#page/n13/mode/2up>

October 3 Martin Luther: Sermon for the Third Sunday in Advent; Matthew 11:2-10,

<http://www.orlutheran.com/html/mlsemt11.html>

October 10 Nehemiah Coxe, "A Sermon Preached at the Ordination of an Elder and Deacons in a Baptized Congregation in London," Reformed Baptist Theological Review 1.1 (January 2004): 133 ff.

October 17 John Broadus: "The Savior Praying for Us",

<http://www.reformedreader.org/rbs/broadus/broadus24.htm>

October 24 R. G. Lee: 'Payday Someday'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNoMuCspTKE>

October 31 Edmund Clowney: "Naaman healed of leprosy",

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=121907137550>

November 7 Billy Graham: "The Handwriting on the Wall"

<http://www.billygraham.org/videoarchive.asp> (Click on 'Sermons' and scroll through)

November 14 Martyn Lloyd-Jones: "Authentic Marks of God's Child" <http://www.mlj-usa.com/audiolibrary>

November 21 Martin Luther King Jr.: 'The Drum Major Instinct' [http://mlk-](http://mlk-kpp01.stanford.edu/index.php/encyclopedia/documentsentry/doc_the_drum_majo)

[kpp01.stanford.edu/index.php/encyclopedia/documentsentry/doc_the_drum_major_instinct/](http://mlk-kpp01.stanford.edu/index.php/encyclopedia/documentsentry/doc_the_drum_major_instinct/)

December 5 Your Choice, Audio or Video: Make it a good one!!!

1. **Plan of Objectives for Spiritual and Ministerial Growth:** Write a *one-page* (single side) statement of objectives for your personal growth in spiritual maturity and proficiency in ministry over the period of your three- or four-year M.Div. program at Westminster in California. We encourage you to use the self-evaluation questions developed by Timothy Keller and David Powlison in “Pastor’s Self-Evaluation Questionnaire,” *Journal of Biblical Counseling* 12, 1 (Fall 1993), 36-43 (*PT500 Reader*) as a diagnostic tool to discern your areas of weakness, unbelief, immaturity, or special vulnerability to temptation.

Specific guidelines for your “Plan of Objectives”:

- a. **Be selective.** Do not attempt to comment on every category/issue raised in the Keller/Powlison questionnaire, or other set of criteria you use to evaluate your need for growth (e.g., fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5; qualifications for elders in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1; etc.). Rather, identify the (4 to 7?) areas in our spiritual life and/or development of gifts for ministry that especially need attention in order to prepare you for the challenges of pastoral ministry.
- b. **“Diagnose,” but also “prescribe.”** Frankly identifying areas of weakness is a crucial first step toward growth, as you rely on the grace and power of the Spirit of God to conform you more to the image of Christ. But diagnosis is only a first step. Unquestionably, our sanctification is a “work of God’s free grace” (Westminster Shorter Catechism, 35) and the risen Christ bestows gifts for ministry to his church (Eph. 4:7-16). Yet Scripture also calls us to strive for holiness (Heb. 12:14) and to present ourselves as skilled workmen in God’s Word (2 Tim. 2:15). Having viewed yourself soberly and honestly in the “mirror” of the Word (James 1:23-25), ask yourself (and record in your written plan) what, specifically, you should do to appropriate God’s means of grace and so grow as a “man of God.”
- c. **Certify your completion of the assigned readings for Section IV.** The Messenger: Preaching and the Man of God. Your learning of material in this section of the course will be evaluated not by an examination, but by your “Plan of Objectives” and your attestation regarding your completion of the reading assignments in Clowney’s *Called to the Ministry*, Calvin’s *Institutes*, and Garretson’s *Princeton and Preaching*. Please include a statement certifying that you have read these assignments in their entirety—or, if not, what percentages of them you completed.

Credit/no credit grading is employed on this assignment: Completion and submission of it ON TIME earn full credit (= A). Late submission, or reporting you have not completed 100% of the reading assignments, will adversely affect your grade on this assignment. ***Failure to complete and submit this assignment will result in a FAILING GRADE in the entire course.***

Course Outline:

Introduction

- A Scriptural/Theological Approach to the Ministry
- The Ministry in Redemptive Historical Perspective
- Supplement on the Interpretation of Ephesians 4:12
- 1. The Minister as a Man before God
 - The Call to the Ministry
 - Gifts and Graces
 - The Necessity of Practical Godliness (Personal; Family; Public)
- 2. The Minister as a Preacher
 - A Herald and Ambassador
 - The Preacher's Self-conscious Identity
- 3. The Minister and Preaching
 - Theories of Preaching
 - Preparation and Delivery Briefly Considered
- 4. The Minister and Worship
 - A Theology of Worship
 - Worship and Leading in Worship
 - The Regulative Principle