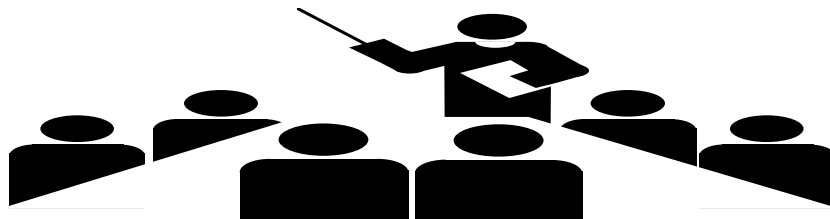


# PREACHING SEMINAR



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## Evangelistic Preaching

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## LESSON #1: EFFECTIVENESS IN EVANGELISTIC PREACHING

- I. **The Bible ascribes conversion to men.** (Dan. 12: 3; I Cor. 4:14; Ja. 5: 19, 20)
- II. **The Bible ascribes conversion to God.**
  - A. God is the primary agent in conversion.
  - B. Men are agents in conversion.
  - C. Truth is an agent in conversion.
  - D. Sinners are agents in conversion.
- III. **Gospel Preaching and Soul Winning**
  - A. **The Matter of Preaching**
    1. It should be practical.
    2. It should be direct.
    3. It should hunt after sinners and Christians.
    4. It should dwell on the points that are most needed.
    5. It should not introduce controversy.
    6. It should proclaim the gospel in due proportions.
    7. It should make the sinner feel his guilt.
    8. It should make the sinner feel present obligation.
    9. It should make the sinner feel the need to repent.
    10. It should annihilate every excuse of sinners.
    11. It should make the sinner feel the danger of grieving away the Spirit of God and being lost forever.
  - B. **The Manner of Preaching**
    1. It should be conversational.
    2. It should be in the language of common life.
    3. It should be parabolic.
    4. Its illustrations should be drawn from common life.
    5. It should be repetitious.
    6. A minister should feel deeply upon his subject.
    7. A minister should aim to convert his congregation.
    8. A minister should anticipate the objections of sinners and answer them.
    9. A minister should not be monotonous.
    10. A minister should address the feelings enough to secure attention, and then deal with the conscience, and probe to the quick.
    12. A minister should learn the effect of one sermon, before he preaches another.

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## LESSON #2: A BIBLICAL MODEL FOR EVANGELISTIC PREACHING

### PETER'S SERMON ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST (ACTS 2: 14-20)

#### I. The Components of the Sermon

- A. He begins with an explanation (14-21)
- B. He continues with a proclamation (22-24)
- C. He makes an accusation (23)
- D. He proceeds with a disputation (25-35)
- E. He builds to a declaration (36)
- F. He concludes with an invitation (37-40)

#### II. The Distinctive Marks of this Evangelistic Sermon

- A. It appeals to the Scriptures as authoritative.
  1. Half of its 23 verses were scriptural quotations.
  2. Preaching God's Word out of the Scriptures was the typical method of evangelism in the Book of Acts.
  3. Both the message and the words of Scripture should be used in preaching.
- B. It centered in Jesus Christ.
  1. The heart of evangelism is to offer Christ.
  2. The core of the New Testament gospel is the saving authority of the name of Jesus Christ.
  3. The cross is all-important and vital to preaching.
  4. The exhortation is climatic.
- C. It brought conviction and concern to the hearers.
  1. Without knowledge of sin, we cannot appreciate Jesus Christ; but without knowledge of Christ, we cannot appreciate the sinfulness of our sin!
  2. Observations about conviction of sin:
    - a. It is the work of the Holy Spirit.
    - b. It's not just of "sins" but of sin and its sinfulness, offense against God/separation from Him
    - c. Particular approaches to individuals will vary.
      - a. The means which the Holy Spirit uses:
        - 1) The preaching of the Word of God
        - 2) The living Word of God in the church
        - 3) The praying of God's people
        - 4) The lifting up of the Lord Jesus Christ
        - 5) The impact of the cross and its message
- D. It called for immediate and definite response.
  1. Evangelistic preaching means to a verdict.
  2. The theological difficulties must be dealt with.
  3. The blessings and perils of direct invitation must be considered.
  4. Methods must vary.