

Preaching Class Workshop Syllabus

	John Piper Video Lecture Avg. Time Each: 11 Min.	Discuss/Participate A Few Key Points, Verses
Week 1	Invitation and Introduction 1. The Making of a Preacher	1 Cor. 1:21, Eph. 3:8, 1 Tim. 4:1 What is your story/scripture/motivation?
Week 2	2. The Divine Call to Preaching 3. What is Preaching?	Being called, sent; Living the life of devotion 2 Tim. 3:16-4:2, Rom. 10:14, Col. 1:28
Week 3	4. What is Expository? 5. What is Exultation?	The authority is the Word, not you. 2 Cor. 4:5 The nature of the herald. Authenticity; Two ditches
Week 4	6. Preaching is Worship 7. Acting the Miracle	Not just facts, beholding the glory, 2 Cor. 4:6 How? APTAT; Gal. 2:20, 1 Cor. 15:10, 1 Pet. 4:11
Week 5	8. Choosing the Text 9. Sermon Preparation	One main text? What is burning in you? What is needed? All is prep. Seminary of Suffering; Watch, Know yourself
Week 6	10. Sermon Formation 11. Manuscript or Memory?	Discern main point; make text clear; Tools, Resources Spontaneity & rut; Communicate reality; helps vs hinders
Week 7	12. How Do People Change? 13. Sermon Essentials 1	H.S. not behavioral modification; Essentialness; 2 Cor. 3:18 What must pervade each sermon; Ultimate purpose/goal
Week 8	14. Sermon Essentials 2 15. Sermon Essentials 3	The basis, grounds, foundation. Cross of Christ; Eph. 3:8 The means for life in power of H.S; Obedience of faith
Week 9	16. Category Creation 17. Earnestness in Preaching	Communicating spiritual truth; Awaken; 1 Cor. 1:21 Appropriate to subject; Joy, Sanctified humor, 2 Pet. 3:10
Week 10	18. Courage and Humility in Preaching 19. Gesture, Tone and Demeanor	C & H not opposites; Boldness; Trouble; 2 Tim. 3:12 Discern the tone/atmosphere; Expand voice repertoire
Week 11	20. WS1 Why God Uses Preachers 21. WS2 We Are About a Great Work	God loves community; Unparalleled intro: 2 Tim. 4:1 Bible, not programs; Speak arrestingly; The Non-eloquent
Week 12	22. WS3 The Art of Self-Forgetfulness 23. WS4 Call and Response OPTIONAL 24. WS7 Spiritual Condition of the Preacher	Dangers of comparison; Taken up with subject; Love souls Urging, Summoning, Pleading, Is. 55:1, 2 Cor 5:20 Walking in the Spirit; Being transformed; Eph. 3:14-17

PARTICIPATE – In addition to group discussion of the J.P. lectures, time will be made each week for brief impromptu and planned speaking exercises. Plan to participate in several of these throughout the course.

- **Daily Exhortation** (Heb. 3:13) Briefly expound an inspiring verse that encourages/exhorts. Can include a dramatic scripture reading. 3-5 minutes
- **Out of Season** (2 Tim. 4:2). Give a reason for the hope within you. Respond to an impromptu question. 3-5 minutes
- **Quote a Verse** from memory (dramatic) 1-3 minutes
- **Share a Testimony**, personal or otherwise. Reference at least one scripture. 5-10 minutes
- **Expository Exultation**. Give a mini sermon based on a key verse with a title/main point, opening, body, and conclusion. 8-10 minutes

ROLES -Everyone can share in various roles that will help us grow and get the most out of our meeting. Possibilities are:

- **Open in Prayer, possibly close in prayer.**
- **Timer** -helps track the actual time spent on speaking exercises as needed.
- **Um Counter** -Counts overused words, filler sounds, ums, uhs, etc. Reports as needed.
- **Evaluator** -Simple forms will be available for constructive feedback and evaluation of the speakers.