

# PREACHING AND COMMUNICATION

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The effective transformational leader possesses the ability to communicate the Word of God in a manner that produces lasting and healthy change at personal, interpersonal, organizational, community, and global levels. This includes preaching, teaching, leading small groups, and one-to-one communication of biblical truth.

## Objectives for students:

- Effectively communicate the Word of God to contemporary people and cultures;
- Effectively prepare, communicate, and evaluate a variety of types and styles of sermons, with emphasis given to the expository approach to preaching;
- Effectively communicate the Word of God in a variety of life situations; and
- Effectively communicate the Word of God to a racially and culturally diverse world.

### **CP 510 • Preaching for Transformation 4 Credits**

Demonstration of the effective communication of God's Word using clarity, purpose, and relevance to contemporary contexts. Creation of transformational opportunities for listeners. Application of Scriptural messages in both personal and professional practice while integrating exegetical insights and intercultural understanding. Articulation of the human psychological value of weddings and funerals in contrast to forgoing such gatherings. Development of an approach to a Christian officiating a wedding from serving as a Christian witness in a largely secular situation to proclaiming principles of an ideal Christian marriage. Development of a biblical-theological response to tragic death considering God's providence and Jesus' mourning over death. Articulation of ways weddings and funerals have been harmed by overly passive or harsh approaches by pastors.

*Prerequisites: BT 510, can be taken concurrently.*

### **CP 699PT • Portfolio in Communications and Preaching 0.5-6 Credits**

Portfolio course of preselected topics within an existing course in the field of Communications and Preaching.

*Special Notes: Portfolio courses are created upon request with permission by an overseeing Program Director.*

### **CP 772 • Seminar in Communications and Preaching 2 Credits**

A Master of Divinity or Doctor of Ministry concentration course; an in-depth study of a particular Communications and Preaching theme.

*Special Notes: Fulfills DMin elective requirements.*

### **CP 774 • Seminar in Communications and Preaching 4 Credits**

A Master of Divinity or Doctor of Ministry concentration course; an in-depth study of a particular Communications and Preaching theme.

*Special Notes: Fulfills DMin elective requirements.*

### **CP 870 • Directed Study in Communications and Preaching 1-9 Credits**

Research and study by arrangement with the professor. Permission is required.

### **CP 870P • Independent Study Project in Communications and Preaching 1-9 Credits**

Research and study project by arrangement with the professor. Permission is required.

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