

HOML 70970/80970: Special Topics in Preaching –
Preaching the Parables
3 Semester Hours

Instructor: Lance Pape

Prerequisites: HOML65003

Description of Content:

This course provides resources and opportunities for interpreting and preaching the parables of Jesus with a focus on exploring ways to creatively and faithfully regenerate the eventful theological impact of the parable in the sermon. Parables will also be explored as a paradigm for thinking about preaching and biblical narrative imagination generally.

Class Procedures:

The course is structured as seminar discussion interspersed with student sermon presentations with instructor and peer feedback.

Requirements:

1. Attendance at all classes.
2. Timely completion of all readings, two class presentations on parables, and sermon preparations as described in the syllabus. All written work must be completed in order to earn a passing grade.
3. The preaching of two sermons, as assigned.
4. Active and responsible participation in class discussions and the evaluation of student sermons.
5. For advanced degree programs (80970), an additional sermon (video and manuscript) preached in the student's ministry context, and a review of an assigned text.

Texts:

Gowler, David B. *What Are They Saying about the Parables?* New York: Paulist Press, 2000.

ISBN: 0809139626

Retail: \$10.95

Levine, Amy-Jill. *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi.* San Francisco: HarperOne, 2015.

ISBN: 0061561037

Retail: \$16.99

Lischer, Richard. *Reading the Parables: Interpretation: Resources for the Use of Scripture in the Church*. Louisville, KY: WJK, 2014.

ISBN 066426025X

Retail: \$35.00

Snodgrass, Klyne R. *Stories with Intent: A Comprehensive Guide to the Parables of Jesus*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2018.

ISBN-10: 0802875696

Retail: \$58.00

Grading Procedures:

Sermons: 60%

Class presentations on assigned parables: 30%

Class Participation: 10%