



# Lay Preaching

**Level**      *Optional Module*  
**Credits**    30 credits  
**Lecturers**

## Aims

This module aims to enable the student to analyse the different types of sermons and the place of preaching and its relevancy in the life of the church. Also to enable students understand and apply the essential skills of successful oral communication so that they are able to present the Bible message in an effective and convincing way.

## Learning Outcomes

By the end of the module students should be able to:

1. Distinguish between the basic types of sermons
2. Choose appropriate communication style for particular occasions
3. Discuss with a group their sermon preparation
4. Evaluate their own performance and analyse and evaluate other students and other experienced preachers.

## What is Taught

This module includes:

1. Homiletical theory by means of lectures, group work and suggested reading.
2. Different types of sermons.
3. Group consultations with a preaching group and individual consultations with lecturer.
4. One topical sermon outline will be handed in and one textual sermon will be preached by each student in class.
5. An opportunity to view an experienced preacher from a video.

## What is Practiced

First attempts to communicate the meaning of the biblical topics and texts, organizing them into a coherent oral presentation, analysis of preaching of other experienced preachers.

## What is Assessed

Analytical and systematic thinking, dealing with the text, writing skills and logical argumentation, preparing and delivering a sermon, communication skills.

## Learning Methods

Preparatory reading, lectures with discussion periods and group tutorials, preaching. Students should expect to spend 50 hours on this module during the week, including lecturers and tutorials.

## Assessment

500-word Reflective Book Review .....	25%
1 Topical Sermon Outline.....	35%
1 Expository Sermon.....	40%

## Selected Bibliography

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