

Preaching for Beginners

Welcome to *Preaching for Beginners*.

Thank you for committing to *Preaching for Beginners*. We hope that you will find the four days in this course to be instructive, helpful and foundational in developing you as a preacher of God's Word.

The Reverend Phillips Brooks (late Rector of Trinity Church, Boston) in his *Lectures on Preaching*, delivered before the Divinity School of Yale College in January and February 1877 says that preaching 'is the communication of truth by man to men' and involves two essential elements – 'Truth and Personality'.

That is a good observation. If you don't have *truth* in preaching there is no substance and no godly reason for you to be speaking. And, if your *personality* does not come through in the way you preach, then your words will lack conviction and emotion.

Our hope is that this course will equip you, at least as you begin as a preacher, to be a man or woman of truth, where God's Word fulfilled in the gospel of Jesus Christ will be your sword of the Spirit. And further, that the special and unique qualities that you personally bring will come through as you seek to proclaim the salvation message in whatever contexts you find yourself.

Work hard and enjoy to the blessings of mining the text of scripture and pouring yourself into what you preach.

Course Materials and Session Recordings

An electronic version of the course notes and the digital recordings of the sessions can be found at: **Church Central** - <https://bit.ly/2I5Ix7x>

You may find this helpful in revision and to catch up on parts that you missed.

Program

Here is the program for the four days.

Training Day 1 – Saturday 5th May 9.00am-5.00pm at Tea Tree Gully Anglican.

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| 9.00am-10.30am | What is Preaching? | Ken Noakes |
| 10.30am – 10.50am | Morning Tea | |
| 10.50am - 11.30am | A Sample Sermon (& Critique) | Craig Loveday |
| 11.30am – 12.30pm | A Preaching Model – How to Exegete a Passage | Ken Noakes |
| 12.30pm-1.30pm | Lunch | |
| 1.30pm-3pm | A Preaching Model – How to Exegete a Passage | Ken Noakes |
| 3.00pm – 3.30pm | Afternoon Tea | |
| 3.30pm – 5.00pm | A Preaching Model – How to Exegete a Passage | Ken Noakes |

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Training Day 2 – Saturday 19th May 9.15am-3.00pm at Tea Tree Gully Anglican

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| 9.15am | Coffee | |
| 9.30am – 10.30am | Sermon and Critique | Ken Noakes |
| 10.30am – 10.50am | Morning Tea | |
| 10.50am - 12.15pm | A Preaching Model – Life | Craig Loveday |
| 12.15pm – 1.15pm | Lunch | |
| 1.15pm – 3.00pm | A Preaching Model - Constructing the Sermon (Content & Illustration) | Ken Noakes |

Training Day 3 – Saturday 2nd June 9.15am-3.00pm at Tea Tree Gully Anglican

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| 9.15am | Coffee | |
| 9.30am – 10.30am | Sermon and Critique | Craig Loveday |
| 10.30am – 11.10am | A Preaching Model – Constructing a Sermon (Applications) | Ken Noakes |
| 11.10am – 11.30am | Morning Tea | |
| 11.30am - 12.15pm | A Preaching Model – Constructing a Sermon (Conclusions) | Ken Noakes |
| 12.15pm - 1.00pm | A Preaching Model – Constructing a Sermon (Introductions) | Craig Loveday |
| 1.00pm – 1.45pm | Lunch | |
| 1.45pm-3.00pm | The Art of Sermon Delivery | Ken Noakes |

Training Day 4 – Saturday 16th June 9.15am-1pm at Tea Tree Gully Anglican

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| 9.15am | Coffee | |
| 9.30am – 10.30am | The Character of the Preacher | Ken Noakes |
| 10.30am-10.50am | Morning Tea | |
| 10.50am – 12.45pm | Sermon Presentations | Participants with Guest listeners |
| 12.45pm-1pm | Close | |

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Resources

What follows is a record of good books or resources on preaching. Some of these have been consulted and referenced in this preaching course. The list is not meant to exhaust, but more to point in a helpful direction.

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| Peter Adam | <i>Speaking God's Words – a practical theology of preaching</i> (Leicester: IVP, 1996). |
| Christopher Ash | <i>The Priority of Preaching</i> (Great Britain: Christian Focus, 2010) |
| Phillips Brooks | <i>Lectures on Preaching, Delivered Before the Divinity School of Yale College in January and February, 1877</i> (New York: E.P. Dutton and Company, 1878). |
| Brian Chapell | <i>Christ-Centred Preaching – redeeming the expository sermon.</i> (2 nd Ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2005) |
| Brian Chapell | <i>The Hardest Sermons you'll ever have to Preach</i> (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011). |
| John Chapman | <i>Setting Hearts on Fire – a guide to giving evangelistic talks</i> (Kingsford: Matthias Media, 1999). |
| Gordon D Fee & Douglas Stuart | <i>How to Read the Bible for all its Worth</i> (2 nd Ed, London: Scripture Union, 1994). |
| Scott M. Gibson (ed.) | <i>Preaching the Old Testament</i> (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006). |
| Graeme Goldsworthy | <i>Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture – the application of Biblical Theology to Expository Preaching</i> (Grand Rapids: Eerdmanns, 2000). |
| Graeme Goldsworthy | <i>Christ-Centred Biblical Theology – hermeneutical foundations and principles</i> (Nottingham: Apollos, 2012). |
| Christopher Green & David Jackman (eds.) | <i>When God's Voice is heard – essays on preaching presenting to Dick Lucas</i> (Leicester: IVP, 1995). |
| IGLATA | <i>Preach the Word – training people to publically proclaim the gospel</i> (North Ryde: IGLATA, 2012). |
| Phillip D. Jensen & Paul Grimmond | <i>The Archer and the Arrow – preaching the very words of God</i> (Kingsford: Matthias Media 2010). |
| Graham Johnston | <i>Preaching to a Postmodern World – a guide to reaching twenty-first century listeners</i> (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2001). |
| Walter C. Kaiser Jr. | <i>Preaching and Teaching from the Old Testament – a guide for the church</i> (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2003). |

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- Tim Keller *Preaching: Communicating Faith in an Age of Scepticism* (London: Hodder Stoughton, 2017).
- Note: Keller has distributed a series of articles on Preaching through his *City to City* Programs – all helpful, yet unpublished.
- Gary Millar &
Phil Campbell *Saving Eutychus- How to preach God's word and keep people awake* (Kingsford: Matthias Media, 2013).
- Leon Morris *The Apostolic Preaching of the Cross* (3rd Ed., Grand Rapids: Eerdmanns, 1965)
- D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones *Preaching & Preachers* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1971)
- D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones *Evangelistic Sermons at Aberavon* (Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1983)
- Haddon W. Robinson *Biblical Preaching – the development and delivery of expository messages* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books House, 1980) – also known as *Expository Preaching – principles & practice* (Leicester, IVP, 1980).
- Leland Ryken &
Todd Wilson (eds.) *Preach the Word – essays on expository preaching: in honour of R. Kent Hughes* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2007).
- SMBC Press (ed.) *How to prepare a Bible Talk* (Croydon: SMBC, 2003).
- Alan M Stibbs *Expounding God's Word* (London: Inter-Varsity Fellowship, 1966).
- John Stott *I Believe in Preaching* (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1982).

Contact

At any time during this course, please feel free to contact either of us. We will seek to help as much as we are able.

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