



# AT247 Preaching In The Church

Rev Dr Desmond Soh | 1.5 CR/3 CR

## About the Course

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The purpose of this introductory course is to equip heralds to preach expository sermons. We will do so by following Haddon Robinson's 10-steps of preparing an expository sermon. In addition, we will sharpen our presentational skills (delivery), with attention given to the strategic use of rhetorical argumentation, manuscripting (style and clarity) and finally, the preaching of one sermon from the NT epistle. Students must have completed either HE101 or a Biblical Interpretation course from an accredited seminary.

### Dates (2020)

**6 Nov, Friday**  
(7:00pm – 10:00pm)  
**7 Nov, Saturday**  
(1:00pm – 5:00pm)  
**21 Nov, Saturday**  
(9:00am – 1:00pm)  
**30 Jan, Saturday**  
(9:00am – 1:00pm)  
(Sermon Evaluation)

### Credits

1.5CR  
  
3 credit (upgrade)

### Class Format

Zoom Class

### Location

Zoom Class

**Sermon Evaluation Venue  
to be confirmed**

**Limited to max. 15 credit  
students**

### Fees\*

S\$225 (Credit)  
S\$120 (Audit)  
  
S\$450 (Credit)  
\$240 (Audit)

## About the Lecturer

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**Rev Dr Desmond Soh** is the Pastor of Bethany Evangelical Free Church. Until recently, he was the Associate Professor of Homiletics and Intercultural Studies and the Senior Director for Strategic Development at Singapore Bible College (SBC). Before SBC, Dr Desmond served as a tentmaker missionary in Indonesia for almost a decade with his wife Wendy. He established a chain of international schools across Java and planted churches in Kalimantan. He was also involved in crisis relief work. Over the last few years, Dr Soh also served as an interim pastor for several churches and is actively engaged with several missions agencies, where he shepherds, consults, develops and strategizes with their leadership teams. He recently co-edited and wrote a publication entitled "The Gospel Speaks: Past, Present and Always" in 2017.



# Course Objectives

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By the end of this course, students should be able to:

## Knowledge:

1. Articulate what expository preaching is and why it is important to preach biblically.
2. Understand and apply Robinson's 10-steps, the Big Idea in sermon preparation.

## Skill:

3. Form exegetical and homiletical outlines based upon a text of Scripture.
4. Craft the important elements of an introduction, body, and conclusion to a message.
5. Structure sermons skilfully (inductively or deductively) for clarity.
6. Preach once: A sermon from a short passage in the NT Epistles
7. Speak with confidence and clarity before groups.

## Attitude:

8. Be humble, teachable and depend on the Lord, who uses His creative and powerful Word to transform hearts.
9. Support members of the class through honest, constructive comments and sermon evaluations.
10. Value rigorous study and adopt a humble posture during sermon preparation.

# Course Requirements

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- A. Class/Online Participation, Punctuality, Attitude, and Integrity (10%).
- B. Readings and Textbook Exercises (30%).
- C. Preaching Assignments (60%)
- D. For students seeking to upgrade to 3 credits, they will complete the following additional requirements. The weighting given below is for the extra 1.5 credit. To calculate the final 3-credit grade, we will use 50% of first 1.5 credits grade (i.e. based on Requirements A-C) and 50% of the second 1.5 credit grade (based on requirement D).

Assignment	Workload	Weighting
David Day Lectures: Complete all the videos/ audios	12-14 hrs	20%
Read David Day, <i>Preaching with All You've Got</i> , AND Jeffrey D. Arthurs book, <i>Preaching with Variety</i>	About 500 pages	-
Book Review on either Day or Arthur's Book	Not more than 500 words	20%
Write an essay: " <b>Examine the importance of biblical preaching for the Church today.</b> "	Not more than 2,500 words	60%

# Course Bibliography

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## REQUIRED READINGS

Robinson, Haddon, *Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages* 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2014.

Please obtain the latest edition. This is the textbook we will be using throughout our time together. You will be required to complete the exercises in the book.

## RECOMMENDED READINGS

Arthurs, Jeffrey D. *Preaching with Variety: How to Recreate the Dynamics of Biblical Genre*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2007. **(REQUIRED READING FOR STUDENTS TAKING 3.0 CREDITS)**

Blomberg, Craig L. *Making Sense of the New Testament: Three Crucial Questions*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2004.

Day, David. *Embodying the Word*. London: SPCK, 2005. Also published as *Preaching with all You've Got: Embodying the Word*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 2006. **(REQUIRED READING FOR STUDENTS TAKING 3.0 CREDITS)**

Goldsworthy, Graeme. *Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.

Richard, Ramesh P. *Preparing Expository Sermons (formerly Scripture Sculpture): A Do-It-Yourself Manual for Biblical Preaching*. 2d. ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995, 2001.

Robinson, Haddon and Craig Brian Larson, eds. *The Art and Craft of Biblical Preaching*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.

Stott, R. John. *Between Two Worlds: The Art of Preaching in the Twentieth Century*. London: Hodder & Stoughton, and Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1982.

Sunukjian, Donald R. *Invitation to Biblical Preaching: Proclaiming Truth with Clarity and Relevance*. Invitation to Theological Studies Series. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2007.

Thompson, James W. *Preaching Like Paul: Homiletical Wisdom for Today*. Louisville: WJK, 2001.

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