



GREYFRIARS HALL

Beta Year: Homiletics

The goal of homiletics at Greyfriars Hall is to prepare men to be joyful, fearless preachers of all of God's Word applied to every area of life in both evangelistic and liturgical contexts. Through classes, readings, workshops, and regular practice, we aim to cultivate a culture of preaching that encourages, strengthens, and confirms those men who are being called to this ministry.

READING LIST

Lectures to My Students, Spurgeon
Wordsmithy, Douglas Wilson
Evangelical Eloquence, Dabney
Why Johnny Can't Preach, T. David Gordon
Speaking God's Words, Peter Adam
Tongues Aflame, Wagner

WEEKLY LECTURE/WORKSHOP

Class meets 11:30am-12:30pm, Tuesdays. Each week, there will be a lecture/discussion as well as short weekly assignments (short exhortations, meditations, etc.) of around 350 words delivered, discussed, and critiqued. There may be some filming/recording involved.

PESHER GROUPS

Regular, weekly groups will meet to discuss the weekly sermon with pastors. Students are expected to attend and participate regularly in examining the text and discussing applications.

SERMON LISTENING

Each quarter, students must watch/listen to at least five sermons (other than their normal Sunday morning worship sermon). Of the five, at least three must be from different men. Students will write a short summary of the content, including a few notes on how the preacher dealt with the text, as well as anything else worth noting/remembering.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Each quarter, students will be expected to have meaningful gospel conversations with at least three non-Christians. We want to cultivate a culture of evangelism within our community and particularly among Greyfriars who aspire to lead congregations in proclaiming the gospel to the lost. These conversations will be reported in class and discussed and prayed for.

MORNING PRAYER

Students will be expected to participate in a rotation for leading Morning Prayer at NSA. This includes giving a short exhortation/meditation on the daily Scripture lessons (maximum of 350 words or 2 minutes) to the NSA students who attend.

OPEN AIR PREACHING & OTHER VENUES FOR PREACHING

In the Fall and Spring, several opportunities will be given to participate in open-air preaching on the University of Idaho campus. Other occasional opportunities may arise in other venues for the Greyfriar students to preach. Greyfriar students are expected to look for opportunities to serve in this way in humility desiring to grow in their ability to proclaim Jesus under the blessing of God.

PREACHING RETREATS

There will be two preaching retreats (one in the Fall, one in the Spring) where students and instructors and other guest preachers will gather for a day of sermons. A single text will be chosen which all the men will prepare a sermon for, and on the day of the retreat, beginning from the youngest to the oldest, the men will take turns delivering messages to one another. Time will be taken to give input and feedback and for fellowship.

