

SEVEN MILE ROAD

PREACHING COHORT

SCHEDULE

The aim of the Preaching Cohort is to help men who have a desire to preach become better students, communicators, and preachers of God's Word. This applies to those who sense a calling to preach regularly or occasionally. Our aim is to work together as peer learners and help each other along in this process. Each man must therefore be committed to not only his own growth, but the growth of his brother as well.

March 15-17 (Optional) :: Simeon Trust Workshop on Preaching

Covenant Life Church, Gaithersburg MD

The workshop will be on preaching the Psalms. It costs \$124 and if you are considering attending, there is preparation to be done beforehand. If interested, please let Ajay know and find more information at: <http://bit.ly/2kNIBM4>.

April 2 :: Expository Preaching

Seven Mile Road, 6-9pm

Purchase and read *Expository Preaching* by David Helm. Write down questions and comments as you read. We will discuss the reading as well as talk through theology and praxis connected to preaching.

May 7 :: Studying Your Passage

Seven Mile Road, 6-9pm

Each person will choose a passage (TBD) with a view towards developing a sermon and preaching that sermon at Seven Mile Road. Come to the night having studied your passage (take notes on verses, read commentaries, etc). We will talk through the process of studying a passage and will group-study our various passages. Each person is then responsible to further study your portion and develop an outline/manuscript before the next meeting.

June 4 :: Developing Your Outline & Manuscript

Seven Mile Road, 6-9pm

Each of us will come to the night having developed either a very meaty outline or a full manuscript (based on personal preference). As a group, we will review one another's outlines and give honest and helpful feedback.

July 2 :: Delivering Your Sermon

Seven Mile Road, 6-9pm

Each of us will preach to the others in the group. We will then give honest and helpful feedback. By this point, our focus will not be on content (to be dealt with in previous sessions) but on mechanics of communication and overall delivery.

SERMON EVALUATION

PREACHER:

TEXT:

CONTENT

1. Did the sermon have its basis in the Scriptures? Did the preacher help you better understand the chosen text?

2. On the following scale, how much of the content was purely interpretive vs. application?
(3 means it was equally balanced)

Interpretive

1

2

3

4

5

Application

3. Did the Gospel find its way into the sermon? If so, where was the Gospel clear?

4. Was Jesus pointed to as “the answer” in this sermon (or were you called to try harder)? If so, how?

5. What was the central message of the sermon? In two sentences or less, what was the sermon about?

DELIVERY

1. Did the preacher seem prepared? What are your general comments about his delivery that would be helpful?

2. Did the preacher seem to know his audience? Was the sermon relevant to today's world?

SERMON EVALUATION

3. Did the sermon flow well and was it easy to follow?

4. Did the introduction capture your attention and make you want to hear the rest of the sermon? Why or why not?

5. Did the sermon have a clear call to respond? How so?

6. Would your non-Christian friend have been able to follow along with the content/terminology? Would you want your friend to hear this sermon? Why or why not?

7. Did the preacher seem to believe what he was saying?

8. Describe the effect the sermon had on you.

Any other comments or feedback?

AN EXCERPT FROM “TORTURED FOR CHRIST”

“It was strictly forbidden to preach to other prisoners. It was understood that whoever was caught doing this received a severe beating. A number of us decided to pay the price for the privilege of preaching, so we accepted their [the communists] terms. It was a deal; we preached and they beat us. We were happy preaching. They were happy beating us, so everyone was happy.”

Richard Wurmbrand