

COURSE SYLLABUS

Biblical Preaching: A Pastor's Look at Homiletics

Course Lecturer: John R.W. Stott, DD

Rector Emeritus of All Souls Church in London, England

Course Description

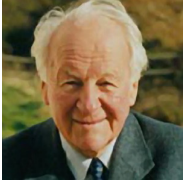
Biblical preaching is a divinely ordained way of calling people to repentance and for edifying the people of God. It is communicating God's Word to His people—standing between the world of Scripture and the world of people and speaking the truth of God. Stott gives a clear presentation of the importance of the preaching ministry today, enabling pastors, teachers, and church leaders to understand the importance and power of preaching, to develop an awareness of true biblical preaching, and to receive practical guidance for preparing and delivering biblical messages.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Define the nature and purpose of biblical preaching and describe its key characteristics.
- Defend preaching as a permanently valid and vital means of communicating God's Word to humanity both for salvation and edification.
- Answer objections to the value of preaching in today's churches.
- View expository preaching as the preferred approach to communicating God's Word.
- Articulate a high view of the authority of Scripture and how that view should impact preaching.
- Apply key principles of biblical interpretation.
- Gain experienced insight on sermon preparation and delivery.
- Develop sermons from single verses, paragraphs, chapters, and whole books.
- Appreciate the great heritage of Christian preachers in the Church.
- Value the awesome privilege and responsibility of the call to preach the Gospel.

Course Lecturer



John R.W. Stott, DD (1921-2011)

Education:

- Multiple honorary doctorates from British, Canadian, and American universities
- Lambeth, DD
- Ridley Hall Theological College at Cambridge, MA equivalent
- Rugby School and Trinity College Cambridge, double first (BA equivalent) in French and Theology

Career Highlights:

- Rector Emeritus of All Souls Church in London—served there for more than 60 years
- Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II
- Knighted as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire
- President, Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion
- Chairman, English Evangelical Council
- President, British Scripture Union
- Founder, Langham Partnership International
- Chairman, International Council of World Evangelization where the famous Lausanne Covenant was penned and ratified
- Lecturer at various colleges and universities, including Trinity Evangelical Divinity school
- Led more than 50 university mission trips and trained thousands of leaders in Africa, Asia, and South America
- Billy Graham noted about Dr. Stott, “I can’t think of anyone who has been more effective in introducing so many people to a biblical worldview.”
- Named by *Time Magazine* in 2005 as one of the most influential people in the world

Publications:

- More than 40 books, including *The Cross of Christ*, *Between Two Worlds*, *The Contemporary Christian*, and his best-known work, *Basic Christianity*, which has been translated into more than 50 languages

Recommended Reading

Though not required, you may choose to read the textbook shown below to supplement your learning.

Stott, John R. W. *Between Two Worlds*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1982, reprinted in 2000.

Textbooks can be ordered through your local bookstore, various online bookstores, or through your preferred eReader when available.

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.

Course Assessment and Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Listening to all 20 audio lectures.
2. Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student.