**HOMILETICS**

**(A 12-hours Preachers’ Course)**

**Course Description**

The focus of this course is the practical task of preparing a sermon. The preparation of a sermon needs the basic skill of studying the Bible passage, discovering and analyzing the exegetical idea, shaping those ideas into a homiletical theme, developing an outline and then turning it into a sermon-proper. This course will help the participant grasp the fundamentals of preaching and the process involved in the making of a sermon. In addition, the participant will explore the ingredients for effective preaching and learn to restore its centrality to worship in the church by holding to a balanced view of Wesleyan preaching.

**Course Objectives**

By the end of this course, you will:

1. Be able to prepare expository sermons, beginning with the process of choosing the passage to bringing it to a full-fledged sermon.

2. Be enabled to deliver the sermon more effectively.

3. Be more aware and discerning of the ingredients for a good sermon.

4. Be aware of the key components of the communication process and its usefulness to the preacher.

**Course Requirements**

1. You are required to read any ***TWO*** of the following books:

\*Chapell, Bryan, *Christ-Centered Preaching* (Baker Books, 1994)

*\*John Wesley’s Forty-Four Sermons*, (Epworth Press)

\*Killinger, John, *Fundamentals of Preaching* (Fortress Press, 1985)

\*Lloyd-Jones, Martin, *Preaching and Preachers* (Zondervan, 1971)

\*Robinson, Haddon W. *Expository Preaching* (IVP, 1986)

\*Stott, John, *I Believe in Preaching* (Hodder, 1982)

*\*The Pastor’s Guide to Effective Preaching* (Beacon Hill Press, 2003)

2. The assignments mentioned above and below must be completed within 3 months after the course is over.

i. Prepare ONE sermon. More details will be given in class.

ii. Look at 5 passages in Scripture and state the point of each passage. More details in class.

iii. Find 5 illustrations suitable for sermon use in the Malaysian context.

Send all assignments to me for evaluation at jeya.t@methodistmy.org

**Course Facilitator:**

Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar is the Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia. Jeya is married to Grace and they have 2 young adult children. He read theology in Seminary Theology Malaysia and Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary. He facilitates this Course in order to see life-transforming expository preaching take place at all pulpits. Two books authored by him are *A Family-Friendly Church* (2014) which has been translated to Thai, Spanish, Russian, Portuguese and *Touched by the Word* (2017); both published by Faith Books. His passion is to equip churches and edify families.