

Sermon Seminar

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Re: Session on Text to Sermon

Once again I will be conducting the Text to Sermon session at the 2017 Sermon Seminar. This is a later afternoon seminar session and, as usual, demands registration and some preparation for the seminar. The seminar will be held in a room that has limited seating (circa 15-17). With this limited seating it is a good idea to register for the event.

Pre-seminar Preparation

- 1) This year the text will be Isaiah 53. We have two foundational articles that can be made available to you to read beforehand. These are the section on Isaiah 53 in the Old Testament Library commentary by Breward Childs and an article by Otfried Hofius titled "The Fourth Servant Song in the New Testament Letters." The latter comes from the book, *The Suffering Servant: Isaiah 53 in Jewish and Christian Sources* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004). Just check with Debbie Koehn at Austin Grad for availability.
- 2) Think about ideas you may have for a sermon featuring Isaiah 53 and be ready to share them in the seminar.
- 3) If you get as far as an outline you would like to share (not required) we can arrange to have copies made available at the seminar.

The Session

- 1) I will conduct the session commencing with my usual overview.
- 2) The bulk of the session will involve seminar discussion and sharing of your ideas on preaching this text.
- 3) I have already preached a short sermon to our chapel community and will make the hard copy available. It will also be on YouTube; but I am not sure when.

Conclusion

This is a great text and as seating is limited I would encourage that you plan to register ahead of time. Looking forward to a lively session; and your ideas about the session are very welcome.