



## COURSE TITLE: SERMON PREPARATION & PREACHING

*Designation: Core Requirement for All Layreaders*

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### Overview

"A sermon does what all sermons are intended to do: Take God's words, written and spoken in the past, take the human experience, ancestral and personal of the listening congregation, then reproduce the words and experience as a single event right now, in this present moment. No word that God has spoken is a mere literary artifact to be studied; no human experience is dead history merely to be regretted or admired." (Eugene Peterson)

This course involves watching a video of Bishop Hockin presenting the art of sermon preparation, reviewing various resources and preparing a sermon for delivery in the layreaders parish.

### Objectives

On completion of this course you should be able to:

1. Describe the 5 principles of effective preaching
2. Understand and describe the 4 components of sermon preparation
3. Prepare and deliver a sermon

### Video Assignment

- Watch Bishop Hockin's teaching video pertaining to sermon preparation. The video may be viewed online at [anglican.nb.ca/wp/layreaders](http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/layreaders) or obtain a DVD by contacting the Bishop's secretary (1-506-459-1801) or the warden of layreaders.
- Refer to the *Lecture Notes* as a summary of the video and the two Scripture readings (Luke 5: 1-11 and Luke 24: 13-35).

### Handouts & Resources

1. Bishop Hockin's Lecture Notes
2. Scripture Reading Luke 5: 1-11
3. Scripture Reading Luke 24: 13-35
4. Worksheet for Sermon Preparation 2017
5. Assignment Worksheet for Sermon Preparation

### Practical Assignment

Using the resources given by Bishop Hockin prepare a sermon and working with your incumbent write a sermon and deliver the sermon as directed by your clergy leader. After you have prepared and delivered the sermon have your incumbent contact the Warden of

Layreaders at [wardenoflayreaders@anglican.nb.ca](mailto:wardenoflayreaders@anglican.nb.ca) and the Warden will credit you with course completion and provide a certificate of completion.

### **Pause and Consider**

- One of the 5 Principles of sermon preparation relates to spiritual growth. How would you prepare to nurture both yourself and the congregants to grow spiritually through the sermon you prepare?

### **Evaluation**

- Complete the online evaluation at [anglican.nb.ca](http://anglican.nb.ca) on the layreader site.

### **Supplementary Resources**

Hockin, Bill. (2015). Gospel Therapy: Homilies of Hope and Possibility from Matthew, Mark, Luke, John. Taylor Printing Group Inc. Fredericton, NB.

The above book is available by contacting Bishop Bill Hockin by email at [bihockin@gmail.com](mailto:bihockin@gmail.com) or if in Fredericton at Christ Church Parish Church located at 245 Westmorland St. The cost is \$15.00.