



*Equipping the people of every culture to effectively
communicate the Bible to their neighbors.*

Communicating The Epistles

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Residency 1 of 3

Dates

Residency Learning Outcomes

By the time you are through with this course, you should be able to create and deliver a message which:

1. Expresses a single, clear idea
2. Is true to the biblical text
3. Is well-organized
4. Is interesting to listen to
5. Is specifically relevant to your listener's life situation

Texts

Required reading BEFORE the residency begins:

- J. Kent Edwards, *Deep Preaching* (Nashville: B&H Academic 2009.)
- Haddon Robinson, *Biblical Preaching*. 2nd ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001.)
- T. Norton Sterrett, *How to Understand Your Bible*, 3rd ed. (IVP, 2010.)

Recommended:

- Haddon Robinson & Craig Brian Larson, *The Art & Craft of Biblical Preaching*. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005)
- John R.W. Stott, *Between Two Worlds*, (Eerdmans: Grand Rapids, 1982)
- Donald Sunukjian, *Invitation to Biblical Preaching*, (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2007)

Pre-residency

Submit a full written manuscript of a message that you have delivered from the New Testament epistles. Add a cover page that clearly states the passage of Scripture you communicated, and the major points of your message.



Residency

1. Focus

This residency is critical to your success in the CrossTalk program. To succeed you must, for these two weeks, give your entire time and attention to our work together.

To ensure that you are fully prepared and engaged for every day of class, it is strongly recommended that you don't plan any midweek ministry activities during the residency.

2. Homework

Homework will frequently be assigned at the end of a class day. Be sure that you are ready to share your completed homework with the class the following day.

3. Participation

Success requires that we meaningfully interact with each other during our classes. You need to be making at least three meaningful observations and ask at least three meaningful questions every day.

4. Biblical communication

On the Friday of each week (2 times per residency) every student will deliver a message to the class. These 12 – 15 minute messages will be given without notes and should demonstrate a working knowledge of the material covered in class.

Before delivering the message, students will submit a one-page message summary to the class. This summary will include the natural unit of Scripture, exegetical, homiletical and communicating ideas, and purpose as well as the homiletical outline of the message being delivered. Copies will be made available to the entire class.

5. Observations

A video record will be made of each message, and students will watch their message and reflect on their experience by completing the 'Recorded Viewing Form'.

6. Final Exam.

On the last day of class a written exam will be given to determine each student's ability to identify the big idea of a natural unit of epistle literature.

Grading

30%	First message
30%	Second message
20%	Final exam
20%	Focus, homework & participation



Post-residency project

On the final day of the residency, students will be given an assignment to be carried out in their home ministry context. ***Students MUST successfully complete this project to continue in the CrossTalk Global training program.***



RECORDED MESSAGE VIEWING

Name _____

Message Title: _____

Scripture Passage: _____

What most pleased you as you watched yourself deliver this message?

What most displeased you as you watched yourself deliver this message?

Where did you have the greatest difficulty in preparing or structuring the text?

What seemed to be the points where you had the greatest difficulty in the delivery of the message? Why was this?

What are the significant things you've learned from this message that will help you in future biblical communication?