Preaching & teaching the Bible – a seminar

Bradford on Avon Baptist Church

Thursday 30th April 2020, 7-9pm

This seminar is designed to help all who preach or teach the Bible, whether regularly or just occasionally. You may be leading a Bible study, teaching a Bible class or preaching on a Sunday. If you do this, this seminar is designed to help you and you are most welcome to participate.

Each session will involve a 25-30 minute talk followed by opportunity for questions and discussion.

Programme

Tea/coffee/cold drinks will be available from 6:40pm

7pm Exegesis: from text to message

Robert Strivens (Bradford on Avon Baptist Church)

How can we ensure that we correctly understand the biblical text that we have chosen (or been given) for our sermon or study? What should we look out for in a passage and its context, to help understand it correctly? What resources are available? How do we get at the true message of the text?

7:45pm Structure: from message to sermon/study

Guy Davies (Providence Baptist Church, Dilton Marsh)

How can we structure our sermon or study so as to communicate the message of the biblical text effectively? What makes a good introduction? Is it helpful to divide what we say into points or sections and if so how is this best done? What about illustrations and anecdotes? And how can we close effectively?

8:25pm Application: bringing the text home

Phil Heaps (Grace Church, Yate)

We know that the message of the biblical text must be applied to our hearers – to their hearts and lives, not just to their minds. How is this to be done effectively? What pitfalls should we avoid? How do we best deal with different needs and spiritual conditions among our hearers? How can we bring the biblical text home to everyone in front of us?

9pm Close

*Location*: Bradford on Avon Baptist Church is on St Margaret’s Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1DA. There is parking (free in the evening) in the car park at the railway station nearby. *Contact*: boa.baptistchurch@gmail.com