

Bible PREACHING

Student Eligibility

Category	Junior High	Senior High
1. Evangelistic	4 boys	4 boys
2. Expository	4 boys	4 boys
3. Topical	4 boys	4 boys

Specific Rules for Bible Preaching

1. Each contestant will prepare a sermon as follows:

Senior High	eight to ten minutes
Junior High	six to eight minutes
2. A three-minute warning sign will be held up to indicate when there are only three minutes remaining of the time limit. A two-minute warning sign will also be held up when the preacher has two minutes remaining. Finally, a one-minute warning sign will be held up when the preacher has one minute to finish his sermon.
3. Each contestant may enter in only one category.
4. The outline guidelines are as follows:
 - a. It should be done in a standard subordination format.
 - b. It should be done in sentence form with transition sentences.
 - c. It should include a written introduction and conclusion.
 - d. It should include a title, theme, and Scripture references.
5. Other contestants and spectators will be encouraged to attend the preaching sessions.
6. The judges, experienced preachers or Bible teachers, will evaluate each delivery according to a Bible preaching critique, and each young man will receive a written evaluation following his sermon.
7. Each contestant will submit three judging sheets and three copies of his typewritten sermon outline to the judges at the time of delivery.

Category One: Expository

An expository sermon is one in which a portion of Scripture is interpreted in relation to one theme or central idea. The bulk of the material for the sermon is drawn directly from the passage, and the outline consists of a series of progressive ideas centered on the one main idea.

Category Two: Evangelistic

An evangelistic sermon may be expository, topical, or textual, but one which is primarily directed toward the lost, with the goal of drawing them to Christ. A textual sermon is one in which the main divisions are derived from a text consisting of a brief portion of Scripture. Each of these divisions is then used as a line of suggestion, and the text provides the theme of the sermon.

Category Three: Topical

A topical sermon is one in which the main divisions are derived from the topic, independently of a text.