**Preaching and Teaching the Prophetic Genre**

Many preachers tend to steer clear of the prophetic books because of the complexity of the genre. But the rhetorical genius of the prophets is worth exploring and the value of their messages is worth considering. In this session, we will discuss how to preach the prophets today with exegetical rigor, theological depth, and pastoral sensitivity.

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1. **Why Preach the Prophets?**
	1. The example of Jesus and the apostles
	2. The value of their message
	3. The genius of their rhetoric
2. **Traps to Avoid**
	1. Historical Trap
	2. Eschatological Trap
	3. Character Trap
3. **Tips for Preaching the Prophets**
	1. Understand the Prophetic Genre

		1. Divinely Inspired Anthologies
		2. Oracles

* + 1. Poetical Language
		2. Visionary Literature
	1. Enjoy, explore and exploit the language of the prophets
	2. Take a road to Christ
	3. Build a bridge to the Church

***Suggested Readings:***

Chalmers, Aaron, *Interpreting the Prophets: Reading, Understanding and Preaching from the Worlds of the Prophets*, Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2015.

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