

## **Bible Preaching**

Competition in this category shall provide opportunity for developing organizational and teaching talent for God's use.

### **General Rules**

1. Entry will be restricted to young men.
2. Each student will prepare a sermon 10–15 minutes in length.
3. Each student will submit two (2) copies of his typewritten sermon outline to the judges at the time of delivery.
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.
  - e. The King James Version will be the only authorized translation.
5. Levels of Competition and Time Limits
  - a. Junior High (grades 7-9) – 10-15 minutes
  - b. Senior High (grades 10-12) – 10-15 minutes

### **Rules by Category**

#### **Expository Preaching**

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 that one main idea.

#### **Evangelistic Preaching**

An evangelistic sermon may be either expository, topical, or textual, but one which is primarily directed toward the lost, with the goal of drawing them to Christ. Since an evangelistic sermon may be textual in nature, it is good to have a definition of textual preaching also. 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.

#### **Topical Preaching**

A topical sermon is one in which the main divisions are derived from the topic, independently of a text. Scripture passages should be used to support the topic.