 Imaginative Reading for Creative Preaching

TUES–WED, OCTOBER 15–16, 2013
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SPEAKER
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TOPIC
Preachers are hunter-gatherers: they search not only the world’s literary master works, but also contemporary middle-brow fiction, crime journalism, and biography, hoping to dig up fresh and angular illustrations. But preachers are not merely in search of useful stories. Reading deepens the preacher’s knowledge of human cries of the heart—for example that we reap what we sow. In fact, the preacher’s reading deepens preaching because it deepens the preacher. The preacher who presumes to speak for God, or even for the church, has to struggle every day to understand human character, divine grace, and the surprises that gather at their intersection. Accordingly, this seminar will explore some of the sources, methods, and homiletical impact of imaginative reading for creative preaching.

SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, October 15**

- 8:30-9 a.m. Registration
- 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Seminar

**Wednesday, October 16**

- 10-10:40 a.m. Chapel (Neal Plantinga speaking) — in Grand Lobby, Ozinga Chapel
- 10:40-11 a.m. Refreshments
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Seminar
- 12:30-1:15 p.m. Lunch (included)
- 1:15-2:45 p.m. Seminar

COST
$75 (checks payable to Trinity Christian College)

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