

Christianity and Scholarship

We usually think of Jesus as a great teacher, but very seldom do we think of Jesus as being a brilliant person in the same way as a Nobel laureate. Jesus' life indicates that he was profoundly intelligent, readily grasping complex situations for which he provided stunning solutions. This presentation will move from a biblical foundation to focus on the integration of Christianity and scholarship from the perspective of developing a Christian mind and how this can guide teaching, service, and scholarship.

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I. Jesus the Intellectual

II. Developing a Christian Mind

A. Study

B. Academic Christian Fellowship

Questions:

What areas would you like to develop your Christian mind?

What resources have been most helpful in your own Christian intellectual growth?

When do you, or will you, schedule time to explicitly develop a Christian mind?

III. Influencing the World

A. Student ministry

B. Teaching and Mentoring

C. Research

D. Unreached People Groups

E. Conduct

IV. Conclusion

Breakout groups: For each group please share first ideas that you have found effective, and second, ideas you would like to try.

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