

Gospel-Shaped Leaders

Too often, Christian leadership is tainted by personal ambition, empire-building, and lack of integrity. But what does it look like when leaders are shaped by the gospel? This session will look at what it means to be “gospel people” (or “evangelicals”), why it is so important, and how we can cultivate integrity to the gospel.

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Introduction

“Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.” Eph 4:14-15

1. Evangelical Convictions: The Gospel

“The Material Principle” – Justification through grace alone by faith alone

The challenge at the time of the reformation

The challenge today

– humanistic moralism & theological universalism

– reinterpretation of the person and work of Christ

2. Evangelical Convictions: Scripture

“The Formal Principle” – Scripture alone as the only infallible authority

– inspiration – authority – inerrancy

– from belief in Christ follows belief in Scripture

The challenge at the time of the reformation: Church above Scripture

The challenge today: Culture above Scripture

3. Evangelical Convictions: Spirituality

From justification follows sanctification: A new life in Christ.

– A life of integrity: the gospel never legitimize sin

– A life of service: Christ have served us

Salvation restores creation. Spirituality means an affirmation of all of the created reality.

4. Evangelical Convictions: Truth

The concept of truth is essential: Jesus claims to be the truth. The Scriptures claims to be truth from God.

The challenge today: Postmodern culture and liberal theology

The relation between general and special revelation: The Christian faith match reality.

The Christian mind: “If Jesus Christ is not Lord of all, he is not Lord at all.”

A leader: “He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.” Tit 1:9