

How to be a Scholar and an Evangelist

Can scholarship and evangelism co-exist? Are they really complementary or does one drain the other? In this session, we will examine the dynamic relationship between our research and our outreach.

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Our work is important:

Colossians 3:23-24

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance.”

All Christians are called to do the work of evangelism:

1 Peter 3:15

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour may be ashamed of their slander”

2 Timothy 4:5

“But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.”

Scholar:

1. Scholarship is work

2. Diligence is godly

3. Academic Integrity

4. Intellectually curious

5. The importance of relationships

In small groups take some time to think about which of these 5 you are currently strongest in and share examples, then share which you think you might be weakest in and think about how to begin to address this.

3. Living Example

4. Find points of connection between your research and a Biblical Worldview

5. Serve the church by giving apologetic lectures and talks in your area of research.