Church Based Strategy for Persuasive Evangelism: The Church – What does it mean to be an evangelistic Church?

People need to be given reasons to believe. The church has those reasons. And yet we seem to be finding it increasingly difficult to communicate them. In this series of seminars we will look at how we can develop a church based strategy for persuasive evangelism. Each of the four parts will consist of a 20 minute talk followed by discussion and interaction. In part 4 we look at how our churches can be centres of excellence for communicating the Gospel. We suggest some ideas and hopefully aim to stimulate further reflection, prayer and action.

David Robertson is the minister of St Peter's Free Church in Dundee, Scotland (a church that is best known for being the church of Robert Murray McCheyne) and the Director of the Solas Centre for Public Christianity. He is the author of Awakening (a contemporary account of McCheyne's life) and The Dawkins Letters. The latter has resulted in him being invited to debate and discuss all over the UK and elsewhere in Europe. This has been done in cafes, bars, libraries, universities, pubs, restaurants, village halls, and even occasionally in churches! David is a chaplain at the University of Dundee, columnist, broadcaster and debater. His interests include history, reading, music, politics, theology and football – he supports Dundee FC although his other team is Barcelona! David is married to Annabel and they have three children; Andrew (26), Becky (24) and Emma Jane (15).

I. Where are the Lost?

- 1. I go to Church
- 2. I might visit occasionally
- 3. Never in a month of Sundays

II. Belonging Before Believing

1. You are Welcome

3.	Community and Conversion
III. Bring	ing in the Sheaves.
1.	Church Planting -
2.	Community Churches -
3.	Building Based Evangelism –
A	Drogohing
4.	Preaching –

2. The Significance of the Sacraments.

5.	Worship —
6.	Beyond the Borders -
IV. Quest	ions:
1.	List the ways that your church is already reaching the Lost?
2.	List the additional ways that you think you could?
3.	What are the dangers in the Christian ghetto mentality?