

Gospel-Shaped Gospelling

In the face of huge evangelistic challenges, many have assumed that our *message* has been fine, it's our *methods* that must change. But what if our chief problem is a sub-evangelical *message*? In this session we will consider the evangel that we preach and whether our evangelism could be more faithful to the theology of the early church and the reformers. Is our doctrine of God sufficiently Trinitarian? Is our doctrine of sin ontological and relational as well as behavioural? Does our account of the Christian life accord with the New Testament's dominant descriptor: being "in Christ"? Perhaps we will find that a richer theology can make our presentations not more obscure but actually clearer and more compelling.

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I. "What two things do Christians need to know to get evangelising?"

A. Matthew 23:15

B. Matthew 12:34

II. 321: The Story of God, the World and You.

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III. **THREE**: God is Three Persons United in Love

A. The question is always "Which God?"

1. The Jesus-shaped God

2. The God-sized Jesus

3. The gospel of the triune God *always* unfolds differently.

IV. **TWO:** The World is Shaped by Two Representatives: Adam and Christ

A. Our problem is *being* more than behaviour.

1. Conviction of sin when no-one believes in the law

2. A view of the cross

V. **ONE:** You are Born One with Adam. Be One with Jesus Christ.

A. The world is called into oneness.

1. Evangelism is relational

2. Conversion and Discipleship held together

Suggested Readings:

Mike Reeves, *The Good God*

Rory Shiner, *One Forever*

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