

How Do We Share the Gospel in European Society Today?

The Gospel originally came to Europe because of a vision of a 'man of Macedonia standing and begging' (Acts 16:9). Today post-Christian Europe needs more help to hear the Good News of Jesus again. But in a post-Christian, secular and sometimes even anti-Christian society, how do we do that? In this seminar we will have an overview of the situation, a look at where we can begin and some suggestions for constructive persuasive church based evangelism in contemporary Europe. Come prepared to think, contribute, pray and act.

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I. A Brief History

1. How did we get here?
2. Where are we?
3. Where are we heading?

II. Why Persuasive Evangelism

1. Defeater Beliefs
2. Our Reasonable Faith
3. The Whole Christ to the Whole Person by the Whole Church

III. Communicating the Gospel through

1. Society
2. Science
3. Cafe
4. Music
5. Art
6. Medicine
7. History
8. Media
9. Philosophy
10. Church

IV. Questions:

1. Is there a European mindset?
2. What's the difference between 1st Century and 21st Century Evangelism in Europe?
3. Have we missed anything?