

## The Challenge of Secularism

In this workshop we will look at what secularism is, what Christian secularism is, and how we can both deal with the threats and opportunities of a failing but increasing militant anti-religious secularism.

**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), *The Dawkins Letters*, *Magnificent Obsession*, and *Quench*. He has been 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, Becky, and Emma Jane.

### I. Understanding Secularism

1. History and Meaning
2. Christian Secularism
3. Secular Humanism
4. Secularism in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Europe
5. Post Secular?

