

Re-Imagining a Biblical Culture of Sex and Human Relationships

In this session Glynn will argue that the onslaught of the sexual revolution will eventually prove a blessing to the Church because it will force us to re-discover and then incarnate the biblical vision for relationships and for human flourishing. But what should this new apologetic look like? And how do our churches need to change?

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I. How the Church failed

A. Shackled by shame and the Church's latent Gnosticism

B. Intellectual poverty

C. Failure of the imagination in our apologetics

II. How can the Church recover its moral vision?

A. Rediscover the biblical narrative of human flourishing in relationships

B. Incarnate our vision in word and community

C. Engage with the moral vision of our culture

Suggested Readings:

1. Dreher R (2013) Benedict Option
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5. Keller, T (2011) The Meaning of Marriage. Hodder and Stoughton