

Seminar 1, 3rd march 2016- Don't be Duped

Seminar Objective: To illustrate that all of us want to be happy, but many of us have bought into what the world defines as 'the good life'- but it's not real, it's a lie! To challenge students to Revolt against the worlds ideas on happiness and fulfillment and to stop giving into the lies and encourage them to seek the truth for themselves!

Seminar focus:

- We all desire to be truly happy- that is, to know and be known intimately, for someone to discover the real person inside of us and to love and accept us for who we are.
- How does the world say you can achieve the 'good life'? Be cool and sexy. Live your own life. Be your own man. Be your own woman. You decide what makes you happy. But does it work?
- The 'good life' as the world defines it isn't real because it eventually results in un-fulfilment, rejection, aloneness and heartache
- Doesn't that make you mad that the world has lied to you about what is real? How about a revolt!

Seminar 2, 26th May 2016- Happiness: created...or discovered?

Seminar objectives: to establish that happiness and meaning in life isn't something we create or decide in and for ourselves, but rather something that is discovered in God, who is the only real source of happiness and meaning. And to challenge students to make a choice to choose the real thing instead of settling for fakes!

- **Seminar focus:**
True happiness and meaning isn't something we create, but rather something we must discover, because it exists outside ourselves.
- There is such a thing as real love, real acceptance, real joy and real happiness and meaning because there is an absolute and true God who is all those things. The bible says that Jesus Christ as God 'gave life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need there is' (acts 17:25)
- If Christ can fully satisfy our need to live truly happy and meaningful lives, then following his way instead of the world's way would make sense.

Seminar 3, 16th June 2016- The True Test- Is Christ For Real?

Seminar objectives: To examine the validity of Christ's claims to be able to offer us true meaning and happiness in life and to be the true source of life.

Seminar focus:

- If Christ isn't who he claimed to be- the one true creator God- then the proposition that true meaning and happiness is discovered in him can't actually be real to our lives.
- Examine the validity of these claims through looking at what happened after his offer of living water to the woman at the well.
- Examine the validity of Christ's offer of real life by looking into the lives of his people and the difference a relationship with him makes.

Seminar 4- 4th august 2016- The Same Old Life: Not worth Living

Seminar Objectives: To demonstrate that in order to experience relational happiness and meaning that comes from God will require giving up your old life and turning towards Christ as your only hope.

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- Christ paid the penalty for our sin so there is nothing we can do to earn Gods favour
- But Jesus said "if any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me. If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it, but if you give up your life for me, you will find true life." Matthew 16:24-25 NLT
- So what does it mean to give up your life?
- Admit that you don't have the right to rule your own life and tell God you want to give up on "your way"

- Admit that “your way” has led to sin and death and tell God you need him more than life itself
- Admit that God and his way are the only real source of the “true life” and tell God you long for him

Seminar 5, 5th September 2016- Transformation at the Cross

Seminar purpose:

To challenge students to commit or recommit their lives to Christ by trusting in his sacrificial death for their forgiveness and giving up their old life to experience Christ’s true life

Seminar focus:

- We all have a problem with God. We may try to live better, even try to obey Gods word, yet that really doesn’t solve our problem. What God wants is a living relationship with us. The problem is that we are all dead to him because of our sin. (Romans 6:23)
 - Our only solution to the problem of sin and death is for Christ to pay the death penalty of our sin and then raise our dead hearts to new life in Christ.
 - This new life is a transforming relationship with God that involves believing and trusting Jesus when he said, “I am the way the truth and the life. No one can come to the father except through me” (john 14:6) and “unless you believe that I am who I say I am, you will die in your sins” john 8:28. this transformation also involves believing that God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so very much, that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead” Ephesians 2:4-5 cancelling the record that contained the charges against us and destroying it by nailing it to Christ’s Cross (Colossians 2:13-14)
 - What does it mean to shoulder our cross?
- Giving up your own way and turning away from sin requires a cross of sacrifice.
 - Obeying God and living according to his way may bring a cross of ridicule and persecution
 - But by giving up our lives for Christ we discover a transformed life in Christ.

God will respond in mercy to our prayer.

A supernatural transformation will take place and you will experience a new life. What this means is that those who become Christian become new persons, they are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17

Seminar 6, 24th November 2016- Jesus the ultimate undercover boss

Seminar Purpose:

To show Jesus as the ultimate undercover boss. He is God come to earth as a human to save all humanity. This is what we celebrate each year at Christmas time.

seminar focus:

- At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of a saviour Jesus Christ- Immanuel- God is with us
- Focusing on the birth of Jesus and on his divinity
- Focussing on how God (The boss) knows exactly what his people need and what they needed most is a saviour