

Series Title: 'Ambassadors for Christ'

Subtitle: 'Emerging Leaders: Helping 18-30s develop skills for Life & Leadership'

1. Plenary Sessions: Ambassadors: Finding True Purpose

Blurb: The UK's Ambassador to the US was recently in the news for all the wrong reasons. As a result he was forced to resign following leaked memos talking about the US Government! Dictionaries define an ambassador as a representative of an organisation or country. What they say and do matters both for them and for those that they represent. The Bible often links this theme of identity to how we share our faith. The Apostle Paul describes followers of Jesus as Ambassadors of Christ and says that it is as if God were making His appeal through us. Peter also touches on our identity and says that as we live lives that are attractive and distinctive they should cause others to glorify God. Tim will help us to see how a deep understanding of our identity in Christ will help us to make an impact in the lives of those living and working in our spheres of influence.

2. Seminar Sessions

Blurb: As part of the day there will also be two one hour seminar slots. Each time there will be a selection of 3 seminars to choose from using the framework UP, IN and OUT. Please read the seminar options below and **select the required seminar** during sign up.

UP Seminars:

Blurb: UP1: How to find our Identity in God

This session seeks to go deeper on the subject of our own identity and specifically how finding our true identity helps us shape our sense of worth and purpose. Wherever we with our faith this seminar will help us to understand ourselves better in the light of the way that we have been made.

Blurb: UP2: How to be blessed in order to be a blessing

This session will help us develop a vision for how we can enjoy deeper intimacy with Jesus (the Soul Room) and in doing so energise our investment in others (the Leadership Room). Chuck Miller uses the illustration of a Jug, Cup, Saucer & Plate to show how God pours His blessing into our lives to fill us and allow our lives to overflow into others around us and beyond.

IN Seminars:

Blurb: IN1: How to help others meet Jesus

This session will focus on how we help a friend (or group of friends) to meet Jesus for themselves. We will look at some of the encounters that Jesus has with people in the New Testament seeking to draw out principles for how we might go about helping someone to meet Jesus for themselves. We will introduce you to the Discover Jesus booklet as a practical tool you can use for yourselves.

Blurb: IN2: How to help other grow

This session seeks to go deeper on the subject of how to help a friend (or group of friends) grow in their relationship with Jesus. Specifically we are going to focus on how to help them find their identity in Christ. For this we head to the Apostle Paul's vision about how God gives gifts in order to prepare His body for works of service so that His people can grow towards maturity. We will introduce you to the First Encounters booklet as a practical tool you can use for yourselves.

OUT Seminars:

Blurb: OUT1: How to live prayerfully and distinctively

Prayer and sharing our faith go hand in hand. This session focuses on how we can prayerfully live amongst our friends in a way that is distinctive and points people to Jesus. We will spend our time thinking about what it means to be Salt & Light and how these descriptions of our identity help us understand the impact that distinctive lives should have on those around us.

Blurb: OUT2: How to communicate with intentionality and relevance

This session focuses on the art of communication: how we speak to our friends. Specifically we want to think about what it might mean to be intentional about what we say in order to create curiosity. Paul's visit to Athens is a brilliant example of this as he relates aspects of their culture to his faith. We will consider what it might mean to ask good questions of others and in doing so begin to communicate something of our own worldview and faith.