



**Evangelism
Conference
2018**



Persuasive

EVANGELISM

South

All Souls Langham Place, London
Tuesday 9th October

North

Holy Trinity Platt, Manchester
Thursday 11th October

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Programme

10.00 Introduction

10.20 **Preparing yourself to be a persuasive evangelist**

Rico Tice

11.00 Break

11.45 **Encouraging our churches to be persuasive communities**

Rico Tice

1.00 Lunch

2.00 **Seminar Streams**

Persuasive Apologetics Simon Edwards

Telling your story persuasively Peter May

Reaching women with the gospel today Sarah Hall

Persuasion door to door Mike Reith and Rob Newham

3.00 Break

3.30 **Persuasive Evangelistic Preaching** Rico Tice

4.30 Close

Talk 1: Preparing yourself to be a persuasive evangelist. *Rico Tice*

Listen as a river not a reservoir!

Two names:

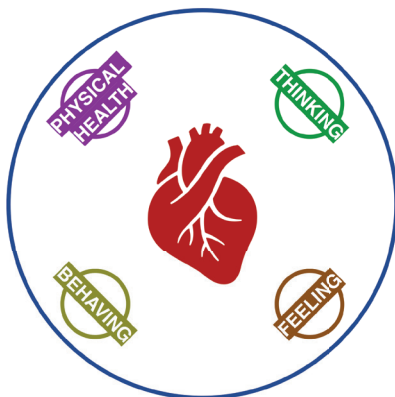
Christian friend:

Non-Christian friend:

How will we respond to the times?

1. Recover
2. Retreat
3. Reconcile (www.livingout.org)
4. Resilience
Cultivating a soft heart and a thick skin.

Look in the mirror before you look out the window



Establishing my Identity in Christ

When was I converted?

Romans 8 verse 30, Ephesians 1 verses 3 and 4

How does God feel about me?

Romans 1 verses 16 and 17

Why is today a great day?

Romans 8 verses 28 and 29

Why is today a better day than yesterday?

Romans 8 verse 18

When will I no longer have the battle with sin?

Romans 8 verses 22 to 27

Bishop Alf Stanway: *"If other people knew you like God knows you: all your faults, all your vain thoughts, all your sins, all the things in your heart, all the wrong thoughts you ever had, would they trust you with the kind of work God trusts you with? Here is the supreme confidence that God has in his own grace. He'll take the like of you and me and give us the privilege of being his saints."*

Quote from 'Memoirs of the Life of the Rev. Charles Simeon' *"With this sweet hope of ultimate acceptance with God, I have always enjoyed much cheerfulness before men; but I have at the same time laboured incessantly to cultivate the deepest humiliation before God. I have never thought that the circumstance of God's having forgiven me, was any reason why I should forgive myself; on the contrary, I have always judged it better to loathe myself the more, in proportion as I was assured that God was pacified towards me. There are but two objects that I have ever desired for these forty years to behold; the one, is my own vileness, and the other is, the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."*

The Golden Chain

Sin → Grace → Joy → Discipleship → Leadership → Training others

The joy of the Lord is my strength—if I lose my joy, I lose my strength

Prayer from 'The Valley of Vision' - 'Divine Mercies'

Thou Eternal God,

Thine is surpassing greatness, unspeakable goodness, super-abundant grace;
I can as soon count the sands of ocean's 'lip' as number thy favours towards me;
I know but a part, but that part exceeds all praise.

I thank thee for personal mercies,
a measure of health, preservation of body,
comforts of house and home, sufficiency of food and clothing,
continuance of mental powers,
my family, their mutual help and support,
the delights of domestic harmony and peace,
the seats now filled that might have been vacant,
my country, church, Bible, faith.

But, O, how I mourn my sin, ingratitude, vileness,
the days that add to my guilt,
the scenes that witness my offending tongue;

All things in heaven, earth, around, within, without, condemn me -
the sun which sees my misdeeds,
the darkness which is light to thee,
the cruel accuser who justly charges me,
the good angels who have been provoked to leave me,
thy countenance which scans my secret sins,
thy righteous law, thy holy Word,
my sin-soiled conscience, my private and public life,
my neighbours, myself -
all write dark things against me.

I deny them not, frame no excuse, but confess, 'Father, I have sinned';

Yet still I live, and fly repenting to thy outstretched arms;
thou wilt not cast me off, for Jesus brings me near,
thou wilt not condemn me, for he died in my stead,
thou wilt not mark my mountains of sin, for he levelled all,
and his beauty covers my deformities.

O my God, I bid farewell to sin by clinging to his cross,
hiding in his wounds, and sheltering in his side.

Looking out the window

Acts 17 verses 24 to 28: “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

The Street

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No. 9	No. 10	No. 11	No. 12	No. 13	No. 14	No. 15	No. 16
No. 17	No. 18	No. 19	No. 20	No. 21	No. 22	No. 23	No. 24

The Street Calendar

Saturday 22nd April	Prom Praise
3rd June to 8th July	The Lions' Tour 2017
Date in June	Golf Evening (birthday)
Date in July	Summer Fair
Thursday 7th December	Varsity Rugby Match
December	Christmas Fair
Sunday 17th December	Carol Service, followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine

All Souls Evangelism - Rhythm of the Year

Spring - guest events and guest services, leading into CE

Summer - guest events and guest services, leading into Life Explored

Autumn - guest events and guest services, leading into Life Explored

Christmas!

CELEBRATING

Genesis 1 verse 27: So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Celebrate people made in God's image

SERVING (Talking Jesus)

What's your biggest stress?

Random acts of kindness

1 Peter 2 verses 11 and 12: Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Seek and serve the lost

TELLING - What We Say

Ask questions and cross the pain line

"Do you celebrate Christmas?"

"Would you like to look at the Bible with me?"

EXITING

Matthew 10 verse 14: If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.

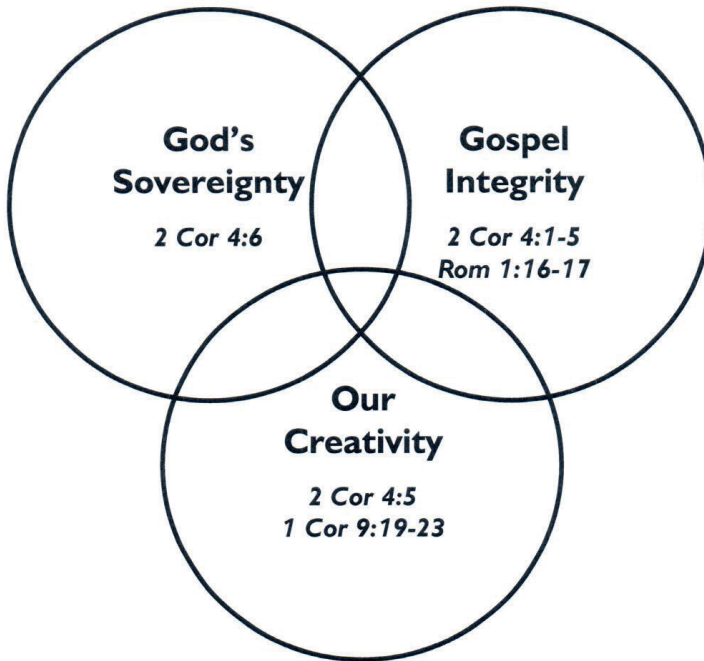
If they go quiet, you go quiet and go back to celebrating and serving.

If they keep speaking, you keep asking questions.

Talk 2: Encouraging our churches to be persuasive communities.

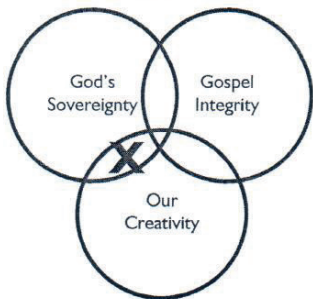
Rico Tice

Establishing the Essentials

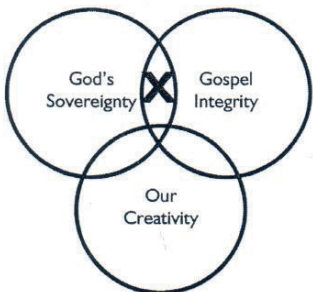


What will be the implications for our evangelism if we have understood?

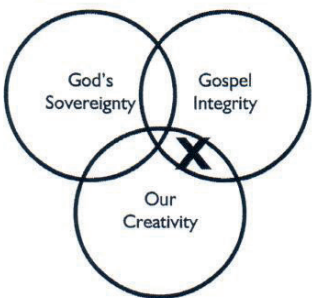
God's sovereignty and the need for creativity but **not** gospel integrity



God's sovereignty and gospel integrity but **not** the need for creativity



Gospel integrity and the need for creativity but **not** God's sovereignty



2 Corinthians 4 verses 1 to 6

1 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Who is at work in the work of evangelism?

How are we to preach Christ?

A Potted History: 1955 / 1995 / 2015

**'Talking Jesus' — www.talkingjesus.org
67% of people in the country have a
Christian friend they like.**

**20% of that 67% would like to know more
about Jesus, that is 7.5 million people.
Go and find them!**



THE BENEFITS		THE BUILDING BLOCKS
Understanding		Character
Application		
Example		Convictions
Confidentiality		Competence
Training		
Flexibility		Courage

What do I need to get started?

- 1. A friend**
- 2. A heart**
- 3. A passage**
- 4. A venue**
- 5. An aim**

SEMINAR NOTES

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Talk 3: Persuasive Evangelistic Preaching. *Rico Tice*

Notes for a 22 year old Ministry Trainee

What is Evangelistic Preaching?

A definition:

EVANGELISM IS TEACHING THE BIBLE TO NON-CHRISTIANS AND SHOWING HOW THE BIBLE TAKES ME TO JESUS.

How can we handle the Bible in such a way that people hear the voice of God?

I am presuming:

1. The *audience* contains unbelievers and the talk is designed for the unbeliever. Others may enjoy listening, but it is not in the first instance for them.
2. The *aim* is to bring the listener to repentance and faith.
3. The *style* is for unbelievers and therefore user-friendly. Jargon and technical terms should be avoided, where possible.
4. The *power* is in the word of God. Romans 10 verse 17: "Faith comes by hearing the word of God".

Warnings from the Sower (Mark 4 verses 1 to 34):

- Disappointment (verses 15 to 18)
- Delay (verses 26 to 29)
- Dramatic Results (verses 20, 30-32)

The contrast is of tiny beginnings and great conclusions.

The Objective of Evangelistic Preaching:

To present Jesus Christ so people will respond with repentance and faith. They will see Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

Mark 1 verses 14 & 15: "After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Repentance: Means changing our minds about who is in charge of the world and of our lives, and resolving to live under the rule of Jesus. It is “a turning to God from idols to serve the true and living God” (1 Thessalonians 1 verse 9). And God is a generous God. He will not destroy us like our previous master, the devil.

Faith: We may decide that we will now serve Jesus as Lord, but what about our past? It needs to be dealt with. We need forgiveness. God provides this for us in the death of Jesus. We need to trust in what God has done to forgive us through the death of Jesus.

So how does a talk end?

Remember the aim of the evangelistic talk is to bring people to repentance and faith. The conclusion should do this. It is designed to gather up the main ideas and call for action. In a prayer there must be repentance and faith.

Repentance: Dear Heavenly Father, I haven't been serving you as my God. I am sorry about that. From tonight onwards I want to serve you. Please help me.

Faith: Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for me. Please forgive me. Please take over the running of my life.

Preparing the talk

1. The introduction:

The purpose of the introduction is:

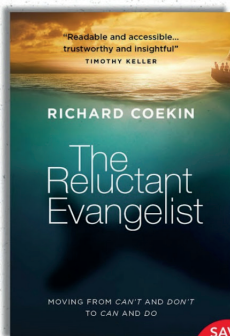
- To arouse interest and motivate (do not take it for granted that people want to listen).
- To set the people at ease.
- To get to know the speaker.
- To introduce the subject of the talk.

2. The body of the text

What I must understand as an evangelist: **at a lecture your job is to listen, as a preacher my job is to get you to hear.** John Stott called us to be the bridge between the text and the audience. **Central to this job is being possessed by the text.** If that does not happen, there's a great danger that it will be boring.

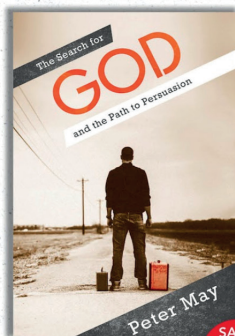
3. The conclusion

Books on evangelism



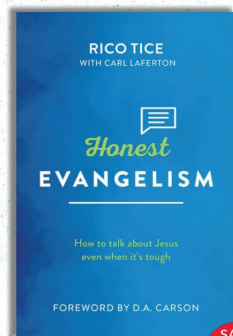
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