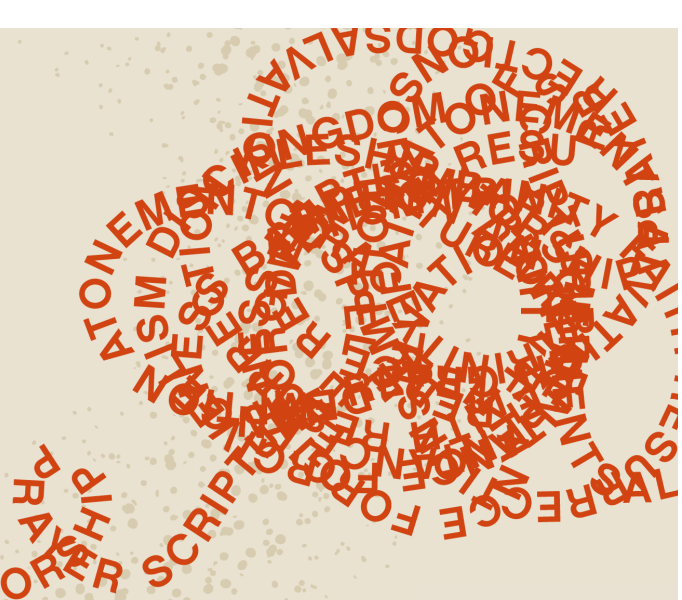


Trusting in God's Sovereignty in Messy Ministry

GOSPEL EVANGELISM DISCIPLESHIP WORSHIP PRAYER



Reaching Everyday People Workshop

10-3pm

Saturday 3 June 2023

Hope Anglican Church Leppington

Live stream



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Welcome

We're really glad you have joined us today.

Our aim is to help individuals and churches make disciples of Jesus Christ amongst everyday people (those who have gone straight into the workforce from school).

The 2021 NCLS data reveals reformed, evangelical Christians are increasingly finding it difficult to make disciples of Jesus amongst everyday people. While everyday people make up 74% of the Australian population¹ they only make up 47% of congregation members in reformed churches in Australia, 44% of congregation members in Presbyterian Churches in NSW, and 41% of congregation members in Sydney Anglican Churches.² The gap between everyday people in our churches and community increases the younger the age group measured. We are finding it more and more difficult to make disciples of everyday people.

We pray God would work to reverse this trend reversed. We long to see the same percentage of everyday people in the community present and serving in our churches.

This year we are reflecting on the wonderful truth that even when things are messy (and they always will be due to human sin and Satan's attacks), God is sovereignly working through us and our ministries to grow us and his people more like Jesus and build his Church.

Today, we will hear from Christians who have devoted themselves to reaching and discipling everyday believers. And we'll have the opportunity to discuss how their example and learning might be applied in our own ministries.

We pray today will sow the seeds of change that will enable reformed churches to make disciples of Jesus amongst everyday people as well as we do amongst professionals. We pray today will be a blessing for you and your ministries as you seek to glorify God in all you do.

The Reaching Everyday People Committee

¹ Australian Bureau of Statistics (2021), [Education and training: Census](#), ABS Website, accessed 3 April 2023

² Pepper, M., Powell, R., & Sterland, S. (2023). Educational Attainment for churches that consider themselves "reformed": Results from the 2021 National Church Life Survey for Andrew Beddoe, Vocational Bible College. Sydney: NCLS Research.



Program

10:00	Session 1
11:20	Morning Tea
11:50	Session 2
12:50	Lunch
1:35	Session 3
3:00	Close



Session 1

Bible Talk – *Shem Swaddling*

1 Peter 1:3-9, 2 Samuel 16:9-12



Session 1

Reaching Everyday People in Australia – *Andrew Beddoe*



Session 1

God's Sovereignty in Messy Ministry – *John Delezio*



Session 1

Discussion

1. What has struck you so far?

2. What questions do you have about what has been shared?

3. How could what you have heard help you in your ministry context?



Session 2

God's Sovereignty in Messy Ministry (Airds) – Jason & Melissa Moss

THE COMMUNITY OF AIRDS

THE AIRDS RENEWAL PROJECT

OUR JOURNEY TO JOINING ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, AIRDS

THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

OUR AIM AND HEARTS DESIRE

THE CHALLENGES OF CHANGE

WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT

1. People want locals to become Christians but find it hard in practice
2. Our connection with the mother church has its benefits and challenges
3. Trusting people to God can be hard
4. We need to be comfortable with messiness
5. The overwhelming short term physical needs can drown out speaking the gospel



Session 2

Discussion

1. How do people from different demographics and background connect in your church?
2. What challenges do you see with congregations with different demographics and backgrounds?
3. What do you do to ensure everyone is welcomed, united and strengthened in their faith?
4. Do you partner with other churches? What has been helpful or challenging in this partnership?
5. Do you find it to trust God with peoples maturing and persevering in Christ?
6. Do you get discouraged when people come and go, grow and then fall away? What biblical ideas help you deal with this?
7. What are some of the messy things in ministry you find hard?
8. How does your church deal with the immediate needs of people in the community while ensuring the gospel is still proclaimed?
9. What other joys or challenges are you experiencing in ministry at the moment?



Session 3

God's Sovereignty in Messy Ministry (Indigenous Australians) – *Michael Duckett*



Session 3

Panel Discussion



Notes



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Reaching Everyday People 2024

Save the date

Saturday May/ June 2024





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