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# For the Love of God: How the church is better and worse than you ever imagined

A LEADERS BREAKFAST HOSTED  
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The atheist Christopher Hitchens famously wrote that **"Religion poisons everything"**. And increasingly across the Western world, people are coming to think of Christianity not just as outdated and irrational but as actively harmful.

**How are Christians to respond?** Join John Dickson from the Centre for Public Christianity (CPX) as he **weighs up the influence Christianity has had on the world**, and offers a way forward in engaging with those disillusioned by the failures of the church.

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