



**BIBLE SOCIETY**

# Masterclass

Inspiring, challenging and equipping students to think deeply about the Christian faith in today's world

Orange

**Thursday 15 August, 2019**  
9.15am-2.30pm

**ORANGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
500 Cecil Road, Orange

This is a **FREE** one-day event for Christian students in years 9-11

Find out more or register at **[masterclass.org.au](http://masterclass.org.au)**



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you?**



**The students have come back with unity and  
vigour to live and speak the gospel with boldness.**



# Speakers and Topics



**Peter Ryan**



**Director,  
Cornhill Sydney**

Peter loves sport, satē beef and spending time with family and friends. He runs a training program in Sydney that helps people better understand and teach the bible. He spent 5 years in Namibia teaching at a Bible College and is now finishing a PhD.

## **Why trust the Gospels?**

Whether it's a Hollywood movie, or a newspaper story, or a lunchtime conversation, it's common nowadays for many to question the historical reliability of the Gospels. Can we actually trust what the Gospels say or are they just a bunch of made-up stories?



**Leon Stead**



**Senior Pastor,  
Narrabeen Baptist Church**

Leon grew up on Sydney's Northern Beaches. He came to faith in Jesus through the influence of his grandmother when he was about 4 years old. He loves cooking, surfing, fishing and finding solitude on the back of a motorbike.

## **Why shouldn't I hide my faith?**

In our culture there's pressure to pursue prosperity, power and pleasure above all else. Following Jesus is also increasingly out of favour. What to do? The book of Esther has some answers—examining complex characters living in a cultural landscape that mirrors our own.



**Erica Hamence**



**Associate Minister,  
Barney's Broadway**

Erica was voted 'most likely to chain herself to a tree as an environmental protest' by her high school cohort. She didn't grow up as a Christian, but she now works as an Anglican minister in the inner suburbs of Sydney.

## **What makes you you?**

Who am I? Questions about identity have always been important, but in our culture they're hard to answer. Does 'you do you' really work? And how does a Christian framework help us figure out who we are?

## What is Masterclass?

Living out the Christian faith in today's world is not always easy for our young people. In a world of selfies, identity politics and 'fake news', Bible Society's Masterclass will inspire, challenge and equip **Christian students** by tackling the big questions: Does the Christian faith make sense? What does the Bible have to say about issues in our world? And what does it mean to live a bold Christian life that makes a real difference?

**Masterclass is a one-day event** for students in Years 9-11. Throughout the day, students will hear engaging talks from three leading speakers:

a **foundational talk** that builds confidence in the Bible, a **missional talk** that encourages students to live out their faith, and a **topical talk** that explores contemporary issues from a Biblical perspective.

Masterclass also includes a popular **Q&A session**, giving students the freedom to ask our panel of speakers the searching questions about the Christian faith they've always wanted to ask.

**This is a free event**, wholly funded by Bible Society supporters.



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