

Masterclass

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

Sydney

Tuesday 6 August, 2019

9.15am-2.30pm

DAYSPRING CHURCH
15 Salisbury Road, Castle Hill

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

Find out more or register at masterclass.org.au



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



Speakers and Topics



John Dickson

Historian, Senior Minister, Author & Media Presenter

John lives in Sydney and is a prolific writer and speaker, with a PhD in Ancient History. John lost his father in a plane crash when he was nine, an event he freely admits shaped his interest in life's ultimate questions.

Why trust the Gospels?

Truth is under siege in our sceptical age. Can we really trust the Bible's origins, accuracy and authority? In particular, is there historical support for the reliability and centrality of the gospels?



Mike Hands

Associate Pastor, Newlife Church

Mike was an English and History teacher before he became a pastor on the Gold Coast. He loves reading and learning, and is about to complete a Masters in Ministry.

Why is following Jesus revolutionary?

Faith in Jesus was never meant to be boring or sterile. When Jesus spoke of the kingdom of God, he had more in mind than a church service on Sunday—he began a movement that changed everything. What does this revolution look like? And how do we become part of it?



Melissa Lipsett

Group Chief Operating Officer, Bible Society Australia

Melissa began following Jesus as a young adult. Since then she's been trying to work out how to make the world glad she did. Her favourite things all involve food—and she always chooses dessert first.

Who are you #following?

We all love a 'selfie' but have we become so consumed by self that we think the gospel is all about me? In a culture fixated on being 'true to yourself', what might be gained by following Jesus for the sake of others?

Please note: This event will be livestreamed, filmed and photographed, so a camera crew will be capturing footage throughout the day. All students are welcome and arrangements will be made for those who do not wish to be filmed or photographed on the day.

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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