

# Melbourne Masterclass

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Tuesday 26th July  
10am - 2pm  
New Hope Baptist Church  
3 Springfield Rd,  
Blackburn North VIC

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# Speakers & Topics

## Tom French

Youth Minister, Speaker, Writer



## The Bible is Weird

A drunk and naked Noah, a talking donkey, the curious detail that there was a streaker at Jesus' arrest: the Bible can be a bit weird. Is it too absurd to be taken seriously? Can we trust what it has to say? Tom will make the case that, strangely enough, the Bible's bizarre stories and accounts of people behaving badly nonetheless mirror our world where weird things happen all the time. Perhaps the Bible's weirdness is an unexpected path to truth – and God Himself.

## Natasha Moore

Senior Research Fellow,  
Centre for Public Christianity (CPX)



## Welcome to the Apocalypse

Does thinking about the future freak you out? Is humanity doomed? What with climate change, a pandemic, and ever more polarised and ugly politics, it's easy to be pessimistic about where we're all headed. In a recent survey, 75% of young people across 10 countries agreed with the statement that "the future is frightening".

Are we right to feel sometimes like the sky is falling? Is being pessimistic about the future a bad thing? And is there anything you can do to make the future less scary, or make any real difference? Is hope real - and is it enough?

## Justine Toh

Senior Research Fellow,  
Centre for Public Christianity (CPX)



## Achievement Addiction

Are you addicted to achievement? If so, no judgement! We've long been told that working hard will allow us to reach our goals. As a result, it's become too easy for us to measure ourselves—and each other—by our accomplishments. Academic success, sporting wins, and lots of attention online can all leave us on a high. But there are downsides to being an achievement addict: we agonise endlessly over our own performance, we can be harshly critical of others, and we fall into the trap of judging our self-worth based on our work. What might life look like, minus our addiction to achievement—and worth, beyond our work?

# What is Masterclass

Bible Society's Masterclass events are for students in school years 9-12 to explore contemporary issues from a biblical perspective. Masterclass also includes a popular Q&A session which gives students the freedom to ask our panel of speakers searching questions about the Christian faith.

Your students are frequently challenged to give a reason for the hope they have in Jesus. Masterclass helps young Christians to grow in their confidence and withstand the pressures of living in a post-Christian society.

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