

There is an urgent need for Christians who can relate the Gospel to our culture with humility, thoughtfulness and skill.

This series aims to help all followers of Jesus engage with their unbelieving friends in clear and careful conversations.

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CHRIST in CONVERSATION

*Equipping Christians
to speak about Jesus
with confidence and clarity*



Sunday evenings @7pm



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MAKING JESUS KNOWN



WELCOME TO MY WORLD

*Relating to people with a different take
on faith*

Dr. Tim Shaw

How do we understand the world of our unbelieving friends and communicate the Christian message to them in a clear and careful way.

This introductory session aims to equip Christians to hear the challenges and understand the worldviews that shape people's perspectives on faith.

Tim Shaw is an elder at Holywood Baptist Church and a hospital doctor. He has spoken to healthcare workers and students on how worldviews shape conversations around ethics.



IS CHRISTIANITY HARMFUL?

Helping people with moral objections

Dr. Paul Coulter

Christianity is said to be bad for our wellbeing. Have we an unhealthy preoccupation with sin? Why are we out of step with culture on gender and sexuality?

This session aims to equip Christians with the knowledge and skills to navigate moral objections to Christianity in everyday conversation.

Paul is Head of Ministry Operations for Living Leadership ministries, having previously worked as a doctor, a lecturer in practical theology and missiology in Belfast Bible College and a cross-cultural pastor with the Belfast Chinese Christian Church.



GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON

Making the positive case for faith

Stephen Shaw QC

Faith is often presented as belief in the absence of evidence. Is Christianity built on blind faith, or are there good reasons to believe? What evidence has God given to trust him?

This session aims to equip Christians to build a persuasive case for faith that can help a friend in their enquiry.

Stephen Shaw is a barrister (Senior Counsel, QC) and part-time High Court Judge in Belfast. Having investigated the evidence for Christianity, he has encouraged many audiences of sceptics to follow where the evidence leads.



IS CHRISTIANITY FICTIONAL?

Helping people with historical objections

Dr. Zach Cole

How can we be confident the New Testament documents are reliable? Was Jesus' divinity an invention of the early church?

This session aims to equip Christians with the knowledge and skills to navigate historical objections to Christianity in everyday conversation.

Zach Cole is assistant minister at Maze and Ballinderry Presbyterian churches and Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Union Theological College, Belfast. He has published several articles on the reliability of Scripture and is committed to helping Christians answer critical questions about the Bible.



IS CHRISTIANITY RATIONAL?

Helping people with scientific objections

Dr. David Glass

In our cutting-edge culture, many wonder if science is the only source of reliable knowledge. Is there a clash between Christianity and science? Can a serious scientist believe in miracles?

This session aims to equip Christians with the knowledge and skills to navigate scientific objections to Christianity in everyday conversation.

David Glass is a senior lecturer in the School of Computing at Ulster University and has a background in mathematics and physics. He also writes and speaks about the relationship between science and faith and how evidence should be used in debates on the existence of God.



WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Witnessing with creativity and conviction

Randy Newman

In our culture, people are seeking satisfaction in their own narrative. How can we tell the better story of the Christian message?

This session aims to equip Christians to tell the story of God's work in their lives with freshness and relevance.

Randy Newman came to faith in Jesus as a student reading the New Testament and CS Lewis' Mere Christianity. He worked with Campus Crusade for more than twenty years and is an international author and speaker on conversational evangelism. His books include 'Questioning Evangelism' and 'Bringing the Gospel Home'.