



OUR SPEAKERS

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BOOKING

TICKETS COST

Standard £18

Concessions £10

(STUDENTS/UNWAGED)

Tickets bought on the door will be £20 & £12

TO BOOK

Please visit:

midlandsmensconvention.org.uk

If you're unable to book online or have any questions please contact midlandsmensconvention@gmail.com or call **07976 812574**

TRAVEL & PARKING

Travel details are on the website. For SatNav please use NG7 1FP. Parking at Cornerstone is limited so those with mobility needs will be given priority. Additional free parking is available 10 minutes walk from the venue. Full travel information will be sent a few weeks before the Convention.

FOOD

Refreshments will be available on arrival and during the breaks. Delegates should provide their own lunch. There are a couple of sandwich shops close to the church.

FLYERS

If you can use additional flyers or have any queries please contact: midlandsmensconvention@gmail.com

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Saturday 3rd November, 2018

Cornerstone Church, Nottingham

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UNASHAMED

THE GOSPEL: THE BETTER STORY

The first Christians faced a hostile world. Would their bold stance for Jesus prove to be just empty words? While the Roman Empire shaped daily life, even demanding Emperor worship, they remained unashamed of the gospel. They were convinced of it being the better story to live by, despite a rising tide of persecution.

Today we find that apathy and resistance have begun to turn into intolerance and opposition. When we lack confidence that we have good news for the world, we need to hear again Paul's words of encouragement: *'I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes; first for the Jew, then for the Gentile'* (Romans 1v16).

Our day will aim to encourage us, whatever the circumstances we face, to be UNASHAMED of the gospel, the better story that all need to hear.

YOUTH STREAM

This year, for the first time, we shall be running a youth stream (14-17) alongside the main convention. They will join a couple of the main talks as well as having their own session. They will need to select a workshop as normal but will have their own specific group within each workshop led by an experienced youth leader. So, bring your sons and encourage other lads in your church to come along.

PROGRAMME

9.30	DOORS OPEN	
10.00	Welcome & introduction	
10.15	The Uniqueness of the Gospel	GLEN SCRIVENER
11.15	MORNING BREAK	
11.45	The Goodness of the Gospel Youth Session	GLEN SCRIVENER BEN PUTT
13.00	LUNCH	
13.45	Workshops	
14.45	AFTERNOON BREAK	
15.15	The Relevance of the Gospel	DAN STRANGE
16.30	CLOSE	

TALKS

THE UNIQUENESS OF THE GOSPEL

3000 years ago David sang, "There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours." (Ps 86:8). Nothing has changed. In this session we press into his unique and compelling glory that's at the heart of the gospel.

THE GOODNESS OF THE GOSPEL

What we like, we share. If we struggle to share the gospel maybe that's because we don't actually like it very much. In this session we feast on the unparalleled goodness of Jesus.

THE RELEVANCE OF THE GOSPEL

The gospel of Jesus Christ both confronts and connects with the stories we tell and the scripts we follow. In our final session we will look at how we can offer hope in a hope-less world.

YOUTH SESSION

The mission we're given as Christians is to get the good news of the Gospel out to the world - one of the hardest places to do that is in the school/college years. We'll spend time being reminded of how good the gospel is and why that should be our motivation to do what we can to pass it on.

WORKSHOPS

We have an excellent selection of workshops planned. You will need to indicate which workshop you'd like to attend when you book.

1. SAME-SEX ATTRACTION AND THE GOSPEL: OUR BETTER STORY

ROB WOOD, TRUE FREEDOM TRUST

In this workshop, we will seek to explore how we can graciously articulate our better, gospel centred, story as it relates to the topic of same-sex attraction.

2. GETTING PERSONAL: GOING DEEPER

GLEN SCRIVENER

In this workshop, learn how to be curious and compelling in one to one witness.

3. FAKE FEELINGS: ENGAGING OUR SENTIMENTAL CULTURE

DAN STRANGE

In this workshop, we will work through how we engage with an aspect of our culture from a Christian worldview by looking at the issue of sentimentality.

4. THE GOSPEL: THE BETTER STORY IN A WORLD OF MANY FAITHS

ANDREW CHARD

In this workshop, we will look at scripture to find practical ways to share the gospel cross-culturally.

Fuller descriptions of the workshops can be found on the website.