

THE MIND-BLOWING MESSAGE OF JESUS

FALL CONFERENCE 2014 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

6:30 p.m.	Registration
8:00–9:30 p.m.	Main session: The Overwhelming Despair of Depravity (Mark Fodale – *Ballroom*)
9:30–10:30 p.m.	Snack Bar
10:30–11:00 p.m.	Quiet Hours
11:00 p.m.	Lights out

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

8:00–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–10:30 a.m.	Main Session: The Surprising Joy of Justification (Dave Kieffer – *Ballroom*)
11:00–12:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions: Round 1 The Heart of Sin: Loving Like a Whore (Mark Fodale – *Ballroom*) Embracing Wisdom: Making Godly Decisions (Andy & Melissa Cimbala – *Chestnut/Dogwood*) Faith or Science: Who Can You Trust? (Joel Martin – *Elm/Fir*)
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30–3:45 p.m.	Breakout Sessions: Round 2 The Heart of Religion: Living Like a Pharisee (David Royes – *Ballroom*) Engaging Others: Being All Things to All People (Rhys John – *Elm/Fir*) To All Nations: The Call of the Gospel (Matt Geiger & Ricky Pfisterer – *Chestnut/Dogwood*)
4:00–5:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions: Round 3 The Heart of Change: The Key to Transformation (Brian Seay – *Ballroom*) Enduring Well: Faithful Fruitfulness for the Long Run (Brian & Liz Parker – *Elm/Fir*) One Way: The Uniqueness of Jesus (Mike Chartowich – *Chestnut/Dogwood*)
5:30–6:15 p.m.	Dinner
7:00–8:30 p.m.	Main session: The Gracious Acceptance of Adoption (David Royes – *Ballroom*)
8:30–9:30 p.m.	Snack Bar
10:30–11:00 p.m.	Quiet Hours
11:00 p.m.	Lights out

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

8:00–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–10:15 a.m.	Panel Discussion: The Compelling Summons of Sanctification (*Ballroom)*
10:30 a.m.–12:25 p.m.	Main Session: The Unbelievable Goal of Glorification (Peter Krol – *Ballroom*)
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Pack-up and depart

Breakout Sessions

GOSPEL FOUNDATIONS: DIGGING DEEPER

THE HEART OF SIN: LOVING LIKE A WHORE — MARK FODALE (BALLROOM/11AM)

Could it be that, not only is our sin more devastating than we could ever imagine, but that the grace of the gospel is more fantastic than we could even dare hope? Come find out as we explore a gripping tale from an Old Testament prophet.

THE HEART OF RELIGION: LIVING LIKE A PHARISEE — DAVID ROYES (BALLROOM/2:30PM)

Why were so many of Jesus' conflicts with respected religious leaders? Join us as we explore from Luke 15 how the enemy of a vibrant relationship with Jesus could actually be (false) religion, and how God the Father still welcomes rebels home.

THE HEART OF CHANGE: THE KEY TO TRANSFORMATION — BRIAN SEAY (BALLROOM/4PM)

Change is hard and we often seem to cycle into the same struggles over and over. Can we really change? YES! In this session find out how Jesus creates true, lasting change in us.

GOSPEL COMMUNITY: LIVING WELL

EMBRACING WISDOM: MAKING GODLY DECISIONS — ANDY AND MELISSA CIMBALA (CHESTNUT & DOGWOOD/11AM)

College is a season of making little and big decisions that have a large impact. Are you lost in the confusion of so many choices? Join us as we explore how to practically make godly and wise choices that result in a life that honors Jesus.

ENGAGING OTHERS: BEING ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE — RHYS JOHN (ELM & FIR/2:30PM)

Do you have a desire to engage the people around you with the good news of Jesus? Join us for a challenging and encouraging session on how to use your current circumstances as an opportunity for the Gospel.

ENDURING WELL: FAITHFUL FRUITFULNESS FOR THE LONG RUN — BRIAN & LIZ PARKER (ELM & FIR/4PM)

Believe it or not, your time in college will soon be over. It is crucial to prepare yourself now for the many seasons of life that lie ahead. Join us for this session, and be equipped for godly fruitfulness for the long run.

GOSPEL FOUNDATIONS: GOING OUT

FAITH OR SCIENCE: WHO CAN YOU TRUST? — JOEL MARTIN (ELM & FIR/11AM)

Science & Christianity: Are they enemies, friends, or something more? Come, ask questions, and explore the connection between Jesus and science!

TO ALL NATIONS: THE CALL OF THE GOSPEL — MATT GEIGER & RICKY PFISTERER (CHESTNUT & DOGWOOD/2:30PM)

The gospel is the good news that not only needs to go to our campuses, but to every tribe and language and people and nation. Discover your role in bringing the gospel to every nation.

ONE WAY: THE UNIQUENESS OF JESUS — MIKE CHARTOWICH (CHESTNUT & DOGWOOD/4PM)

Is it arrogant to believe only one religion is true? In this seminar we will discuss how Jesus' unique life, teachings, and death make Him the only hope for humanity.

ROMANS 1:16-32 (ESV)

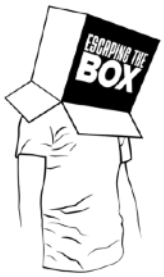
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for
salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the
Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for
faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness
and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the
truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because
God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his
eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since
the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they
are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor
him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their
thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise,
they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for
images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping
things.

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to
the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they
exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the
creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their
women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to
nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women
and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing
shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for
their error.

28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them
up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were
filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice.
They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are
gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful,
inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless,
ruthless. 32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who
practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give
approval to those who practice them.



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"Beware of no one more than yourself; we carry our own worst enemies within us."
Charles Spurgeon

"There is no one righteous; no, not even one."
Romans 3:10

I. A DEADLY DILEMMA (VV. 16-17)

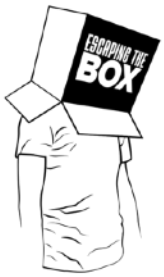
II. A DEVASTATING DISCLOSURE (VV. 18-32)

III. AN UNDESERVED DEATH

ROMANS 5:1-10 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also
obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we
rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our
sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance
produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not
put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the
ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though
perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God
shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for
us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much
more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we
were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much
more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.



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"From about half-past ten in the evening until about half-past twelve … FIRE … God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, and not of the philosophers and savants. Certitude. Certitude. Feeling. Joy. Peace."
Blaise Pascal - On Nov. 23, 1654

I. WHAT IS IT?

II. HOW DO WE FIND IT?

III. WHY TRUST IT?

ROMANS 8:12-17 (ESV)

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

"Of all the magnificent riches of the gospel, none is more to be treasured and pondered than our adoption in Christ.... In essence, the Christian life is a lifelong journey of coming alive to the multi-faceted freedoms we've been given as the beloved children of God."

S. Smith

I. ADOPTION: THE CALL TO LEAVE BEHIND (VV. 12-15A)

A. Relating to God as a slave

B. Living your life in fear

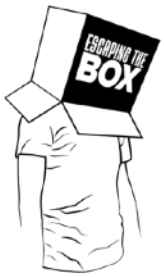
II. ADOPTION: THE LEARNED CRY OF SONSHIP (VV. 15B-17A)

A. Access to intimacy with God (vv. 15b)

B. Witness of assurance before God (vv. 16)

C. Promise of reward from God (vs. 17)

III. ADOPTION: THE COURAGEOUS WAY TO LIVE (VV. 17)



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ROMANS 8:17-39 (ESV)

17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

Romans 8:18

I. YOUR VISIBLE PRESENT (VV. 18-25)

- **As with creation, so also with us:**

  A. We Suffer

  B. We Groan

II. YOUR UNSEEN HOPE (VV. 26-30)

A. Unseen Hope #1: You do not groan alone (vv. 26-37)

B. Unseen Hope #2: You do not suffer without purpose (vv. 28-30)

III.HOW TO BRING YOUR UNSEEN HOPE INTO YOUR VISIBLE PRESENT (VV. 31-39)

- **Ask 5 Questions**:

  A. Who can be against us?
  B. Won't God give us everything along with Jesus?
  C. Who will accuse?
  D. Who will condemn?
  E. Who will separate us from Christ's love?

EZEKIEL 16 (ESV)

Act 1

Again the word of the LORD came to me: 2 "Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations, 3 and say, Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem: Your origin and your birth are of the land of the Canaanites; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. 4 And as for your birth, on the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to cleanse you, nor rubbed with salt, nor wrapped in swaddling cloths. 5 No eye pitied you, to do any of these things to you out of compassion for you, but you were cast out on the open field, for you were abhorred, on the day that you were born.
6 "And when I passed by you and saw you wallowing in your blood, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' … 7 I made you flourish like a plant of the field. And you grew up and became tall and arrived at full adornment. Your breasts were formed, and your hair had grown; yet you were naked and bare.
8 "When I passed by you again and saw you, behold, you were at the age for love, and I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness; I made my vow to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord GOD, and you became mine. 9 Then I bathed you with water and washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil. 10 I clothed you also with embroidered cloth and shod you with fine leather. I wrapped you in fine linen and covered you with silk. 11 And I adorned you with ornaments and put bracelets on your wrists and a chain on your neck. 12 And I put a ring on your nose and earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. 13 Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen and silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour and honey and oil. You grew exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty. 14 And your renown went forth among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through the splendor that I had bestowed on you, declares the Lord GOD.

Act 2

15 "But you trusted in your beauty and played the whore because of your renown and lavished your whorings on any passerby; your beauty became his. 16 You took some of your garments and made for yourself colorful shrines, and on them played the whore. The like has never been, nor ever shall be. 17 You also took your beautiful jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself images of men, and with them played the whore. 18 And you took your embroidered garments to cover them, and set my oil and my incense before them. 19 Also my bread that I gave you—I fed you with fine flour and oil and honey—you set before them for a pleasing aroma; and so it was, declares the Lord GOD. 20 And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you had borne to me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your whorings so small a matter 21 that you slaughtered my children and delivered them up as an offering by fire to them? 22 And in all your abominations and your whorings you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, wallowing in your blood.

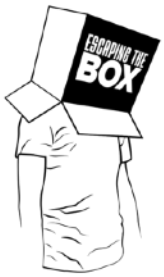
23 "And after all your wickedness (woe, woe to you! declares the Lord GOD), 24 you built yourself a vaulted chamber and made yourself a lofty place in every square. 25 At the head of every street you built your lofty place and made your beauty an abomination, offering yourself to any passerby and multiplying your whoring. 26 You also played the whore with the Egyptians, your lustful neighbors, multiplying your whoring, to provoke me to anger. 27 Behold, therefore, I stretched out my hand against you and diminished your allotted portion and delivered you to the greed of your enemies, the daughters of the Philistines, who were ashamed of your lewd behavior. 28 You played the whore also with the Assyrians, because you were not satisfied; yes, you played the whore with them, and still you were not satisfied. 29 You multiplied your whoring also with the trading land of Chaldea, and even with this you were not satisfied.

30 "How sick is your heart, declares the Lord GOD, because you did all these things, the deeds of a brazen prostitute, 31 building your vaulted chamber at the head of every street, and making your lofty place in every square. Yet you were not like a prostitute, because you scorned payment. 32 Adulterous wife, who receives strangers instead of her husband! 33 Men give gifts to all prostitutes, but you gave your gifts to all your lovers, bribing them to come to you from every side with your whorings. 34 So you were different from other women in your whorings. No one solicited you to play the whore, and you gave payment, while no payment was given to you; therefore you were different.

35 "Therefore, O prostitute, hear the word of the LORD: 36 Thus says the Lord GOD, Because your lust was poured out and your nakedness uncovered in your whorings with your lovers, and with all your abominable idols, and because of the blood of your children that you gave to them, 37 therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, all those you loved and all those you hated. I will gather them against you from every side and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness. 38 And I will judge you … and bring upon you the blood of wrath and jealousy. 39 And I will give you into their hands, and they shall throw down your vaulted chamber and break down your lofty places. They shall strip you of your clothes and take your beautiful jewels and leave you naked and bare. 40 They shall bring up a crowd against you, and they shall stone you and cut you to pieces with their swords. 41 And they shall burn your houses and execute judgments upon you in the sight of many women. I will make you stop playing the whore, and you shall also give payment no more. 42 So will I satisfy my wrath on you, and my jealousy shall depart from you. I will be calm and will no more be angry. 43 Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have enraged me with all these things, therefore, behold, I have returned your deeds upon your head, declares the Lord GOD. Have you not committed lewdness in addition to all your abominations?

Act 3

59 "For thus says the Lord GOD: I will deal with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant, 60 yet I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish for you an everlasting covenant … 62 I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the LORD, 63 that you may remember and be confounded, and never open your mouth again because of your shame, when I atone for you for all that you have done, declares the Lord GOD."



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I. GOD, THE PASSIONATE LOVER (VV. 1-14)

II. GOD, THE WOUNDED LOVER (VV. 15-43)

III. GOD, THE FAITHFUL LOVER (VV. 59-63)

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

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LUKE 15 (ESV)

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

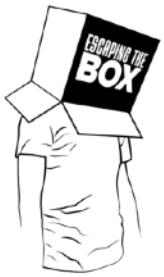
3 So he told them this parable: 4 “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

11 And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ 20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

25 “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ 28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ 31 And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”



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"The best way to avoid Jesus is to avoid sin... The main thing between you and God is not so much your sins; it's your damnable good works. "
John Gerstner

I. JESUS: DEEPENS OUR VIEW OF SIN

- Sin is _____ _____ from God

- We can sin by _____ the rules, we can sin by _____ the rules

II. JESUS: EXPANDS OUR VIEW OF GOD

- Christianity is about being a child of God

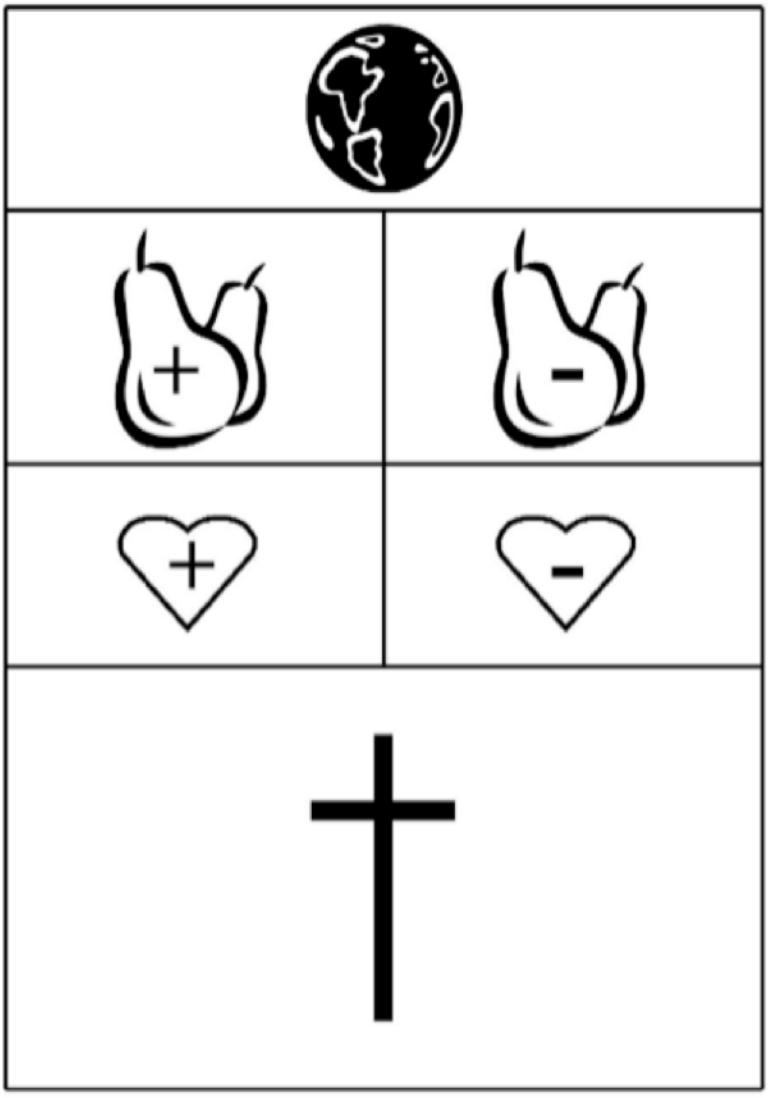
III. JESUS: CORRECTS OUR VIEW OF RESCUE

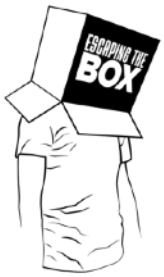
- Repent of your _____

- Teach yourself to _____ Jesus

LUKE 6:43-45 (ESV)

43 “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, 44 for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. 45 The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.





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I. THE FRUIT ISN'T THE (ULTIMATE) PROBLEM

- The _____ is the problem.

II. CHANGING THE FRUIT IS NOT THE SOLUTION

III. EXPOSING THE ROOT

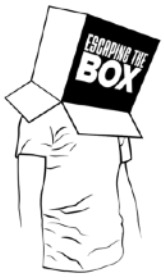
"What we worship determines our responses to all our experiences. Sin is much more than doing the wrong thing. It begins with loving, worshiping, and serving the wrong thing. Sin in some way always involves the great exchange [exchanging worshiping the Creator for worshiping the creation]." - Paul Tripp, Instruments in the Redeemers Hands

- **Two heart exposing questions:**
  - _____ did I do that?
  - _____ did I want?

IV. THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION: CHANGE THE ROOT

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another." *- 2 Corinthians 3:18*

- **How can our hearts be captivated? Through…**
  - Seeing and Savoring Jesus in the _____ of _____.
  - Dependent _____.
  - "Being with Bible-saturated people _____ and _____.



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I. EMBRACING WISDOM: A BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

II. MAKING GODLY DECISIONS: PRACTICAL TOOLS

III. WATCH OUT!: MISTAKES & OBSTACLES

IV. MAKE IT REAL: PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Dating/Marriage
- Job/Career/Major
- Scheduling/Time
- Money/Resources

V. SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

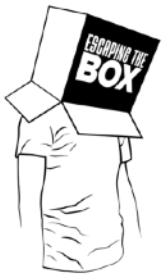
- Which of these four is the hardest decision area for you right now? Why is it difficult?
- Is there a decision you've been putting off? Discuss it with your group.
- Which of the mistakes and obstacles do you most easily fall into? How can you instead embrace wisdom?

VI. LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION AND Q&A

1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-27 (ESV)

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.



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"Being All Things to All People" (1 Corinthians 9:19-27)

Rhys John

"Willingness to renounce personal preferences, to sacrifice legitimate and natural desires for the sake of His Kingdom, will characterize those marked out by God for positions of influence in his work."
J. Oswald Sanders

I. FREEDOM, OPPORTUNITY, & BLESSINGS

II. LOOSING YOURSELF TO LOVE OTHERS (VV. 19-23)

III. RUN TO WIN (VV. 24-27)

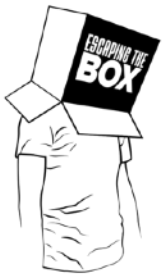
HEBREWS 12:1-11 (NIV)

1 Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

4 In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. 5 And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons:

"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."

7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? 8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! 10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.



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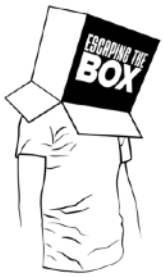
I. THE COMPELLING VISION OF ENDURANCE

II. THE COMMON OBSTACLES TO ENDURANCE

- Your _____ will hinder you.
- Others will _____ you.
- You will face _____.

III. THE PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR ENDURANCE

- Consider your faith _____.
- Throw off anything that _____.
- Interpret suffering as _____.
- Fix your eyes on _____.



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I. MORE THAN JUST FRIENDS: CHRISTIANITY & SCIENCE

II. THE REAL ENEMIES: NATURALISM & SCIENCE

III. FURTHER QUESTIONS: SCIENCE & THE BIBLE

"If the Great Commission is true, our plans are not too big; they are too small"
Pat Morley

II. GOD'S CALL

A. All Authority

B. Go & Make Disciples

C. All Nations

D. "I am with You"

III. YOUR ROLE

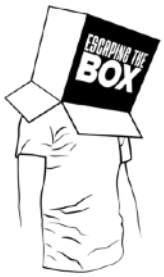
A. Learn

B. Welcome

C. Send

D. Go

E. Pray



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"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6

I. THE UNIQUE PROBLEM OF JESUS

II. THE UNIQUE MESSAGE OF JESUS

III. THE UNIQUE RESURRECTION OF JESUS