

WORKSHOPS 1

How to Teach and Preach in a High-Tech Culture

with Quentin Schultze

All forms of teaching are in disarray because of seismic technological and related cultural shifts. Yet the opportunities for connecting with learners—and worshippers—are amazing for those who know how to revive oral modes of discourse. Revolutionize your own teaching, preaching, leading.

Reordering the Church: Recovering the Lost Ark

with Paul Metzger

In the movie *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, Adolf Hitler sends his Nazi henchmen to the Middle East in search of the lost Ark of the Covenant, believing it possesses occult powers that will be of great use to its captor. But Hitler's minions are in for a rude awakening: they find to their dismay that the Ark is not something to be seized and used for one's own ambitions; instead, it consumes them, as it did the Philistines before them. Perhaps Steven Spielberg and his fictional Hitler understand something that many churches do not: the Ark, with the enclosed commandments (Scripture) and manna (the Lord's Supper), participates in the presence of an unimaginable power (Exod. 16:33-34; 25:21-22; Deut. 10:5; Heb. 9:4), a power that intends to confront and consume various divisions in the church. Dependence on the Ark is largely missing in many churches today. This workshop will focus on our need to recover and restore Scripture and the sacraments (or ordinances), especially the Lord's Supper, for the purpose of confronting and consuming various divisions. (This workshop will develop themes in relationship with Paul Louis Metzger's book *Consuming Jesus: Beyond Race and Class Divisions in a Consumer Church* [Eerdmans, 2007].)

Wired for Worship: Connectivity in Community and Communication

with Robb Redman

Many churches are now utilizing video venues and live streaming to the internet to make services more accessible, while others are using social media such as Facebook and Twitter to connect with members. As a result, many Christians wonder how these technology impact Christian community and communication. This workshop will explore these developments and offer perspectives on the problems and possibilities of technology in worship.

WORKSHOPS 2

How to Listen and Love in a High-Tech Culture

with Quentin Schultze

The most important communicative skill is listening—the basis for intimate knowing and selfless loving. Yet listening is becoming a lost art in the information age. The biblical fool is the one who acts before listening. The wise person always listens first. Rediscover the biblical skill of true listening—even with your ears closed.

Choosing Social Media that Fit Your Worshipping Community

with DJ Chuang

Let's explore how churches are using various internet tools to connect with God, to connect their worshipping community, and to extend their Gospel ministry. And then we'll develop a framework of key questions to help you choose from the various options of social media and web apps that best fit your particular context.

Baggage Check: Does Worship Shaped by Contemporary Culture Enhance our Worship, or Degrade It?"

with Brad Harper

This workshop examines the way in which popular cultural forms bring their own inherent meaning to the experience of worship and suggests several principles that might help bring a truce to the age-old tension between tradition and culture in worship.