

ETERNAL: SGP Annual Conference 18 November 2017

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LIVING FOR ETERNITY IN A NOW CULTURE

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE
with full children's programme

SATURDAY
18 Nov 2017

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Have we taken our eyes off the eternal, even in our churches? It's not surprising if we have. We live in a secular age, in a world with no awareness of anything above or beyond itself. It's a NOW culture. The waiting removed from wanting, entertainment for immediate download, instant messaging, news an hour old is old news, the present imposes itself like never before.

Losing our eternal perspective is disastrous for our Christian lives. It leaves us ill-prepared to live as pilgrims in the present; ill-equipped to handle sorrow and loss, or to resist the temptations and enticements of this world; unready to make costly, sacrificial choices for Christ or to suffer for his name's sake. But the Bible connects us to the eternal God. It extends our horizons to eternity and calls us to fix our eyes on what is unseen – for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Join us for a day in God's word, focussing on the unseen, meditating on the eternal, and learning together to be more heavenly-minded so that we can be more earthly good.



Marcus Nodder has been the senior minister at St Peter's Barge, London's only floating church, since 2004. He is married to Lina and has four children. After studying Modern & Medieval Languages at Cambridge University he had a brief spell in banking. Since then he has been in Christian ministry. He is a graduate of Oak Hill Theological College.

CONFERENCE INFO

Time: 10am to 3:30pm

Cost per person

Adults: **£12**

Children and teenagers (Pre-school to Year 11): **£2**

Children in crèche: **Free**

Lunch and refreshments

Light refreshments will be provided for everyone in the morning break. **Please bring your own lunch.**

FOR CHILDREN

An exciting programme of children's activities and Bible teaching will run alongside the adult programme for children from pre-school to Year 11.

* **Imagine** for pre-school aged over 2½

* **Inspire** for Reception to school year 5

* **Ignite** for school years 6 to 11

For children under 2½ a free supervised **crèche** will be available during the two morning sessions.



SEMINAR OPTIONS

You will be able to attend one of four seminars which will each build on the main talks in a practical way.

A. Living for Eternity – shaping our choices in the now

Knowing we had just one week to live would radically change our choices. So what difference does it make knowing that, with Christ, we are going to live forever? In this seminar we will ask why our lives are not more radically different from those around us who do not have the promise of eternal life. How can an eternal perspective inspire us to a life of sacrificial choices, large and small, that honour Jesus? *Led by **Julian Rebera**, New Life Church, Brighton.*

B. Living for Eternity – transforming our perspective on ageing and dying

Our Saviour, Christ Jesus, has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (2 Tim 1:10). Yet ageing and dying remain inescapable realities of this life. What does it look like for the believer to face these realities through the ultimate reality of Christ? This seminar will look at (1) how this glorious truth can transform our own attitudes so that we don't just 'die' but we 'finish well'; and (2) how we can minister the gospel to the ageing and the dying bringing comfort, encouragement and eternal hope. *Led by **Louise Morse** of Pilgrims' Friend Society and **Dr Jennifer Bute** of Glorious Opportunity.*

C. Living for Eternity – making sense of final judgement

"I can't love a God who judges people and sends some to hell!" In this seminar we will wrestle with some of the big issues raised by the Bible's teaching about eternal judgment. The aim will be, firstly, to help us to know for ourselves and love the God who judges, and secondly, to equip us to speak lovingly to others about God's eternal and perfect justice. *Leader TBA*

D. Living for Eternity – seeking the city to come

How should an eternal perspective shape the way we think about and handle the pleasures and sorrows of this life? This is a theme that the great 16th century reformer John Calvin often preached and wrote about. A uniquely gifted theologian and Bible teacher, he also experienced severe and prolonged struggles and suffering. His teachings are a powerful guide to how meditating on the reality and certainty of heaven will affect, sustain and empower us in the now. *Led by **Nick McQuaker**, Training and Development Director for the Sussex Gospel Partnership.*