

"Simple Church– What is it all about and how do I start one?"

Seminar Program

9:00 - Register & refreshments

9:30 - Welcome & Introduction to the day

9:45 - Session 1 - David Orton– Apostolic Architecture & the Simple Church

David will outline the theological context of simple church as a new paradigm for the proper functioning of the body of Christ

10:15 - Session 2 – Ray Tiller - Getting our heads right - *transformation through truth.*

Ray will discuss from a historical and contemporary perspective how the practical application of a biblical Christian Worldview to the issues of daily life helps equip the body of Christ to bring a transforming influence to community.

11:05 - Morning Tea

11:30 - Session 3 - Bessie Pereira – Practicalities – the Oikos experience

Bessie will share from her experience with OIKOS how simple church works with an emphasis on finding real functionality in relational Christianity that equips people to influence their community. She will explain in practical terms how you can plant and build a simple church..

12:20 - Lunch

1:20 - Session 4 - Craig Kirkby - Building the church through fatherhood

Craig will teach and exemplify how fathering leadership (in being different from hierarchical authority) is the key to safe, healthy and multiplying simple churches. The internal dynamic of the function of simple church and the apostolic connections.

2:10 - Afternoon Tea

2:25 - Session 5 – Craig Kirkby - How do we move on from here?

Craig will share his experiences of transitioning from previous experiences of church to finding life and effectiveness through simple church. He will lead a discussion regarding the issues that we face in restoration from wounds or offences caused by church experiences, and learning to lead or participate in the new context of simple church.

3:20 - Brief break

3:35 - Group Discussion & summary of the day

We will break into several discussion groups and focus on key questions regarding our understanding or embrace of the idea of simple church and how to move forward. In the plenary conclusion, David Orton will draw the key threads of the day together to focus on future action.

5:00 - Dinner Break

The Gathering – public meeting

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

The gathering meeting is, as usual, a public meeting, but will continue to pursue the issues of simple church that have been discussed during the day seminar.

We will begin with worship, then David Orton will give an overview of the key content of the day. We will then move into a panel question and answer session. The panellists will be David Orton, Getahun Gebremedhin, Bessie Pereira, and Craig Kirkby.

The evening session will conclude with a time of prayer ministry.