



# Evangelism in a Post-Christian Age

## Glen Scrivener: Seminar 1

### MAKE THE MOST OF THIS SEMINAR

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### WATCH THE VIDEO:

[Seminar 1:  
https://tinyurl.com/55dru9k5](https://tinyurl.com/55dru9k5)



To watch the video, scan the QR code or go to @KeswickConvention on YouTube and search for Glen Scrivener

### SEMINAR OUTLINE

In these seminars we will explore how we can seize opportunities for evangelism in a post-Christian age. Over the first two sessions we will learn many different 'seeds' that can be sown to great effect in the lives of our friends, neighbours and co-workers.

### QUESTIONS

Watch the video and pause at 12:28 minutes.

1. Think of one person who helped you be the Christian you are today. Why did they have such an impact on your life?

Restart video at 15:15 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/4hdwdtkm>) and watch until 33:02 minutes.

2. Why is it important that we focus on the person of Jesus in our evangelism?
3. According to the 321 video, why is the gospel such good news?

Restart video at 33:02 (<https://tinyurl.com/mrxx4wd2>) and watch until 35:45 minutes.

4. a. Fill in the blank: 'That's what I love about Jesus...'  
b. Think of a Bible story or verse that illustrates your answer.  
c. Think about a non-Christian friend and the issues they are facing. How could a 'That's what I love about Jesus' response be helpful in conversations with them.

Restart at 40:24 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/5ct84hxe>) and watch until the end.

5. How have you been encouraged by the evangelism of other believers? Discuss ways you could be more intentional about evangelising Christian friends.

'The Christ in the word of a brother or sister is stronger than the Christ of my own heart' (**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**)

6. Think of a conversation with an unbelieving friend where your response could have been, 'Which God do you believe in?' Discuss scenarios where this question is helpful.





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## REFLECTION/PRAYER

- 'We all speak about what's important to us. What grabs your heart, wags your tongue' (Glen Scrivener). If you are finding it difficult to speak about Jesus, spend time reflecting on the goodness and power of the gospel. Ask God to so fill your heart with the joy of knowing Jesus that you are bursting to tell others about him.
- Think of ways you could share the gospel digitally with unbelievers and Christian friends this week.
- Begin every day this week meditating on Matthew 5:14-16. Ask God to help you be who you are: a light of the world. Pray for courage not to hide that light but to live a godly life that draws others to the Saviour.
- Have a look at the various resources on the Speak Life website ([www.speaklife.org.uk](http://www.speaklife.org.uk)), read Glen's new book, 'How to Speak Life' and consider how you could use the 321 course with friends and family.





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## Glen Scrivener: Seminar 2

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### WATCH THE VIDEO:

[Seminar 2:  
https://tinyurl.com/585j73tb](https://tinyurl.com/585j73tb)



**To watch the video, scan the QR code or go to @KeswickConvention on YouTube and search for Glen Scrivener**

### SEMINAR OUTLINE

In these seminars we will explore how we can seize opportunities for evangelism in a post-Christian age. We will learn how various 'seeds' can be sown to great effect in the lives of our friends, neighbours and co-workers.

### QUESTIONS

*Watch the video and pause it at 34:25 minutes.*

1. Why are people outraged by the doctrine of original sin?
2. Why is Christopher Hitchen's understanding of the gospel – we are born sick and commanded to be healthy – wrong?
3. How would you respond to a friend who said, 'I have done wrong things in the past but I'm trying to live a good life and, if there is a God, surely he'll let me into heaven.'

*Restart video at 34:25 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/5e7f7mjy>) and watch until 42:58 minutes.*

4. Share your own experience: 'I couldn't have gotten through X without Jesus'. Why is this such a powerful seed in gospel conversations?

*Restart video at 42:58 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/2amc34s5>) and watch until the end.*

5. Why is the doctrine of union with Christ so important to our evangelism? Discuss how it impacts a new Christian's experience of:
  - discipleship
  - church
  - Christian service
6. Encourage the members of your group by sharing: 'That's what I love about my church'.





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## REFLECTION/PRAYER

- Reflect on your own testimony and thank God for the times he has joined you in the darkness. Ask God to use your experiences to help others find him.
- Spend time with your group praying for your unbelieving friends and family. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel and sow some of the 'seeds' you have learnt about in these two seminars.
- This week, meditate on what it means to be 'in Christ' (look at Romans 8:1-2, Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 15:22, 2 Corinthians 5:17, and Galatians 3:26-28) and thank God for all the blessings that are yours.
- Read Glen's book, 'How to See Life' and sign up to explore the resources on the 321 course ([321course.com](https://www.321course.com)).





# Apologetics in a Post-Truth World

## Amy Orr-Ewing: Seminar 1

### MAKE THE MOST OF THIS SEMINAR

This seminar is the third in a series of four. You can watch the seminars on your own or with your church, small group, or friends. The questions/reflections below may help you discuss and work through how to apply what you've learnt to your own life. Start the video and then pause it when suggested to look at the question(s).

### WATCH THE VIDEO:

Seminar 1:

<https://tinyurl.com/4n4bx7da>



To watch the video, scan the QR code or go to @KeswickConvention on YouTube and search for Amy Orr-Ewing

### SEMINAR OUTLINE

This seminar explores what apologetics looks like in our post-truth world. It focuses on the importance of conversations - speaking with love and listening with empathy - so that we communicate effectively and represent Jesus well, particularly around issues of cultural tension.

### QUESTIONS

Watch the video and pause it at 22:15 minutes.

1. Look at Luke 18:18-25, John 3:1-15, or John 4:1-26. What can we learn from Jesus about how to have gospel conversations in the ordinary course of life?
2. Writing about the early church Michael Green commented, 'their love, joy, changed habits...community life... attracted notice...invited curiosity'. What do you do in your church that causes people to be curious about Christianity?

Restart video at 22:15 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/yyzawvut>) and watch until 45:50 minutes.

3. In conversations with non-Christians, how can we demonstrate our belief that the person we are speaking to is made in God's image?
4. Imagine a conversation with a teenager passionate about trans rights, a university student angry at the hypocrisy of the church, and an older person anxious about immigration. For each one consider:
  - What are the positive drivers of their position?
  - How could those drivers be better explained and worked out within the Christian worldview?
5. What difference will it make to our evangelism if we are secure in our identity in Christ and confident in the moral goodness of God and of the Bible?

Restart video at 45:50 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/3r7vcyx5>) and watch until the end.

6. What are you most fearful of in evangelism today? Pray for each other and encourage each other with God's Word: 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go' (Joshua 1:9).





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## REFLECTION/PRAYER

- Think about an area of apologetics you could learn more about so that you can confidently and proactively engage in conversations with unbelievers. Discuss with a friend your plan of action and check in with each other in a few weeks' time to talk about your progress.
- Spend time as a group praying for your friends and family who are not yet believers. Encourage each other to persist in prayer.
- Is there someone you need to ask forgiveness of because you did not speak with love or listen with empathy? Ask God for humility, wisdom and favour as you speak to them.
- If you'd like to learn more about these issues you could read Amy's books, 'Why Trust the Bible?', 'Where is God in all the Suffering?', or 'Lead like the Real You'.





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## Amy Orr-Ewing: Seminar 2

### MAKE THE MOST OF THIS SEMINAR

This seminar is the fourth in a series of four. You can watch the seminars on your own or with your church, small group, or friends. The questions/reflections below may help you discuss and work through how to apply what you've learnt to your own life. Start the video and then pause it when suggested to look at the question(s).

### WATCH THE VIDEO:

[Seminar 2:  
https://tinyurl.com/yxtcty7k](https://tinyurl.com/yxtcty7k)



**To watch the video, scan the QR code or go to @KeswickConvention on YouTube and search for Amy Orr-Ewing**

### SEMINAR OUTLINE

In this seminar we will explore how the wider cultural context impacts our witness. We will think about trauma, anxiety, and identity politics and how we can be equipped to share Jesus with friends and family in a way that connects with their questions, rage and hunger.

### QUESTIONS

*Watch the video and pause it at minutes 27:11.*

1. What difference does it make to recognize that God has placed us in our particular cultural moment 'for the defence of the gospel' (Philippians 1:16)?
2. How would you respond to a friend who said, 'When I look at all the mess and suffering in the world, I can't believe in a good God.'

*Restart video at 27:11 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/mr33xp2f>) and watch until 39:21 minutes.*

3. How would you explain 'intersectionality' to another believer?
4. Why has 'cancel culture' arisen? What can we do to make sure our interactions with non-Christians don't feed into it?

*Restart video at 39:21 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/3n2kxpt7>) and watch until 47:49 minutes.*

5. What 'good news' does the church have to offer our culture of anxiety and toxic certainty?

*Restart video at 47:49 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/yfthw2f6>) and watch until the end.*

6. What opportunities for gospel conversations does society's prizing of the human body offer? Think about what you would say to:
  - A young person in the church youth club who is self-conscious about their appearance.
  - A friend you go to the gym/slimming club with.





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## REFLECTION/PRAYER

- As you think about your workplace, home, and friends, meditate on the truth: 'I am put here for the defence of the gospel' (Philippians 1:16). Ask God to give you opportunities to share your faith and to do so with courage, kindness and wisdom.
- Think about the particular context of your local church. What questions are people asking? What issues are they struggling with? Discuss and pray together how your church can make the most of these gospel opportunities.
- Read 'The Body Keeps the Score' by Bessel Van Der Kolk and discuss with a friend how understanding trauma shapes how you share the gospel.
- If you would like to think more about the power of forgiveness in our cancel culture watch Amy's talk at the 2023 National Prayer Breakfast (<https://tinyurl.com/44pwe3er>).

