

DIGNITY & JUSTICE - The Gospel of the Kingdom

Durban, 19-20 September 2014

Venue

Hosted at Glenridge Church, Durban Station Complex, 65 Masabalala Yengwa (NMR) Avenue, Durban.

Speakers

Derek Morpew

Derek Morpew is the founding pastor of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Kenilworth, Cape Town, South Africa. He has been a pastor since 1973 and has often been involved in church planting. Derek serves on the national leadership team of the Association of Vineyard Churches in South Africa and was the international director of Vineyard Bible Institute. He has written numerous published works on theology and ministry, including South Africa; the Powers Behind, Breakthrough; Discovering the Kingdom, and Different but Equal: Going Beyond the Complimentarian/Egalitarian Debate. He developed and directed Vineyard Bible Institute from 1998 to 2009. He now serves as academic dean for Vineyard Institute. Derek is married to Karin, an artist, and has two daughters, Shean and Jeanne.

Quinton Howitt

Quinton Howitt was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. At the point of becoming a Christian, he turned from his field of expertise, Industrial Psychology, to begin his biblical and theological studies. He then, together with other colleagues, assisted in the pioneering developmental work of establishing the South African Theological Seminary (SATS). Over this period, he also wrote numerous academic courses specifically designed to meet the needs of the contemporary pastor. Following his time at the seminary, he worked extensively on the development and implementation of methodologies for poverty alleviation, particularly within an African context. In 2005, he joined Derek Morpew at the Vineyard Bible Institute (VBI), where they jointly established a bachelors degree in partnership with Saint Stephen's University in New Brunswick, Canada. In 2010, Quinton was appointed the Academic Dean at VBI and continued in that role until 2012. He is now assisting with the development of VI. Quinton lives in Johannesburg with his wife, Trish, and his two daughters, Hayley and Robyn. They attend Following Jesus, a Vineyard Church based in Northriding. His motto for life is: "To teach simply, you must understand profoundly."

Proposed Programme

Friday 19 September	Time	Speaker	Topic	Notes
Arrival	18:00 - 18:30	-	-	Pay registration fees; Meet and greet. Tea and Coffee;
1	18:30 - 19:30	Quinton Howitt	Lecture	
Break	15 mins			Tea and coffee
2	19:45 - 20:45	Quinton Howitt	Lecture	

Saturday 20 September	Time	Speaker/ Facilitator	Topic	Notes
Arrival	8:30 - 9:00	-	-	Pay registration fees; Meet and greet. Tea and coffee
3	9:00 - 10:00	Derek Morphew	Lecture	
Break	30 mins			Tea and Coffee
4	11:30 - 11:30	Derek Morphew	Lecture	
Break	15 mins			Comfort break!
5	11:45 - 12:30	Derek Morphew	Videos: Presentation of some of the international players in this field	
Lunch Break	12:30 - 13:15	-	-	Meals prepared by Station Cafe. Coffee served also. Setup for ministry presentations and dialogue time.
Ministry Presentations	13:15 - 14:30	Phil Bowyer	6-8 Ministries in Durban/ KZN presented	This to be filmed, getting 5-10 videos of each.
Engage & dialogue	14:30 - 16:00	Phil Bowyer		Opportunity to engage with the material in small-group forums, dialogue and network with each other, and create awareness and opportunity for collaboration across the city.

Registration and Costs for participants

Registration will be online and on the day. A fee of R60 is payable upon arrival on the day, which including lunch and a coffee and biscuits.

Content

Friday night's lectures are based on Quinton Howitt's book *Christianity and the Poor*¹ and will cover the following:

- The Poor and Poverty
- The Biblical Language of Social Justice
 - Confusion over the Kingdom of God and the poor
 - The nature of the poor
 - Biblical evidence of concern for the poor
 - God's concern for the poor
 - The Christian response to the poor (believers and non-believers)
- The Churches Ministry to the Poor
 - The 21st Century Churches' involvement with the poor

Saturday's lectures are based on Derek Morpew's book, *The Kingdom of God, Social Justice and Human Rights*,² and deal with the relationship between the kingdom/rule of God in scripture and the history of human rights and issues of social justice. Subjects to be covered are:

- The kingdom of God in scripture as the basis for social justice
- The history of human rights, from Greco-Roman times, through the Enlightenment, to today
- The biblical teaching on human rights – texts that apply
- The biblical theology of human rights – creation, redemption and eschatology
- Human Rights theologies in the major Christian traditions
- Human Rights instruments

Saturday afternoon will be devoted to a time of dialogue and interaction between ministries that are already active in this field in the greater Durban area. Our aim will be to create an awareness of each other's work and to engage with each other in finding ways to better reach and serve people together.

¹ Available through Amazon.com and Kalahari.net, in Kindle and Paperback through the former, and Paperback through the latter

² This will be available for sale at the conference.