

VCYC 2024 Workshops:

An Overflowing Gospel

Alex and Faith – Mustard

How clear are you on the gospel? Does it captivate your heart? Does the good news of Jesus impact how you live? Join us as we look at what it means for the Gospel to go deep in our hearts and then overflow to those in our lives.

Why Christians Can Fly, & how (not) to read the Bible (2:00pm only)

Graham Stanton

You know the Bible is important, but you're not quite sure what you're supposed to do with it! You read the Bible, but you don't always know what it's trying to say. This workshop gives you six pointers to help you make sense of what you read in the Bible.

Embracing the Strangeness

Andy Ellis

A musical note struck off key is almost always noticed. Similarly, Christians living for Jesus stand out and are rejected. Join us as we explore why we ought to embrace the strangeness and how it will make a difference in your community.

Doubting this faith-journey

Amy Brown

Do you ever get that niggling feeling that says, 'What if this is wrong'? Or there's something that you're wrestling with, and you don't quite understand it or maybe you're doubting God's ability to act in this world? Whatever it is for you, you're not alone. But what we do with those doubts matters. They can help us build up a strong faith or they can slowly carve our faith away from us. As strangers on this journey of faith together, there are things we can learn and do to support one another with our questions and wrestle with our doubts in a faith-building way. So, if this is you, (or a friend), come along and find some tools to help you out!

Prayer - Enjoying your relationship with God

Luke Pederson

'Prayer is ... How would you finish that sentence? Do you find prayer easy or hard? Do you struggle to know what to pray for or do you find yourself wondering how to pray? Are you looking to go deeper in your prayer life or are you someone who questions if there is any point to prayer at all? Join me as we explore together how prayer can be an exciting and joyful part of our relationship with God.'

'The Strange Story Around Us' - What our world believes about who we are, why, and how we can do better.'

Dave Chiswell

In this workshop, we'll be taking a deep dive into our culture's story about identity. As we do, we'll see that some of it's good, some of it's bad, and all of it has been shaping us in deep ways.

As we do, we'll see that God's word offers us the kind of clarity, hope, and security we long for as we ask the age-old question: Who am I?

Journeying for Jesus Online

Reece Kelly

Social media has become a regular part of our daily lives. Should being a Christian change the way we engage and interact with ourselves and others online? And if the answer is yes, how does our engagement and interaction with social media change? Come along and find out.

Guilt, Shame and How Jesus Makes Us Whole

Jimmy Young

How often do you feel guilt and shame? For some of us it might be once a week or once a month, for others it feels like a constant enemy that we can never quite escape from. Are they meant to be part of the Christian life? If Jesus died on the cross for my sins, why do I still feel so much guilt when I fall short? Come to this workshop if you're keen to work through your feelings of guilt and shame & discover how Jesus deals with both and makes us whole.

Stranger To Myself: Following Jesus with mental health challenges

Benton Jayatalaka

Mental health is something we all have to wrestle with for ourselves and others. In this workshop we'll discover what the bible has to say about anguish, anxiety and depression and how we can be faithful followers of Jesus in the midst of it.

Why Jesus?

A panel: Hannah Grigg, Alan Au, Mike Kicevski,

When you come to a conference like this, you are going to hear about Jesus. You might know the story of Jesus and why Jesus died for you but still have some burning questions about what that means for you...personally. Should I follow Jesus? Why am I following Jesus? What is the point? Come ask your questions to a panel of Jesus followers who will do their best to help navigate these important life questions!

Real Change

Andrew Seedhom

I promise I won't do it again. I'll do better next time. I can be better than this. We have all been there, wanting to be a 'better' Christian, wanting to change but finding ourselves failing. At this workshop we will explore what the bible teaches us about repentance and how it leads us to a deeper understanding of the gospel and our hearts. We will discuss how repentance is not a one-time event, but a continual turning towards God and away from our sin, deepening our love for God and resting in his love for us.

The Big Transition: From School To University (VCE Students Only)

Alex Bui & Dani Carr

How do you not only survive but THRIVE as a Christian at university? Life after school brings with it many challenges, and many opportunities - especially for the follower of Jesus. Come along and consider how, in God's strength and for God's glory, YOU can make the most of it!

Leaders Workshops:

Equipping and Releasing Youth to Serve (11:30am only)

Graham Stanton

The journey that Jesus is inviting young people on is a life of love, doing good, and serving others. In this workshop we'll be thinking about practical ways that you can give young people opportunity to be more involved in ministry, to serve others, and take ownership of their faith.

Organic Evangelism (2:00pm only)

Helen Bell

Not everyone is a gifted evangelist but everyone has unique, God-given opportunities to share their lives and the good news about Jesus with those around them. Discover how to facilitate an evangelistic culture in your youth group that normalises evangelism and helps people see organic ways of talking about Jesus in everyday conversations.

Sign Up For Workshops:

The VCYC team are requesting that you pre-select your workshops for VCYC 2024 to help us with our planning to ensure that each workshop has sufficient seats for those wanting to attend. If you change your mind later, that's totally fine! We are just seeking an indication of numbers.

We are asking all attending to select their workshops. So whether you're a youth or leader, please use the link or QR code below and select your TWO workshops: one at 11:30am and one at 2:00pm (Note that some workshops are only running in one timeslot!).



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