

Speaking to a Contemporary Culture (PC212)

Australian College of Theology name: *Preaching to Contemporary Culture*

Unit Description

Recognise major worldviews as they surface in contemporary life (e.g. in the arts and current affairs). Learn how to read, interpret and speak to culture. Be able to comment on selected worldviews from a Christian perspective. Speak publicly in a way that engages with selected worldviews.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

A. Know and understand:

1. Selected world views
2. The relationship between gospel and culture

B. Be able to:

1. Outline the nature of world views
2. Identify world views in context
3. Comment on selected world views from a Christian perspective
4. Preach sermons/present talks that engage with selected world views

C. Be in a position to:

1. Use 'Preaching/Speaking to a Contemporary Culture' for personal understanding and in ministry contexts

Content

Topic A: What is a worldview?

- The function of worldviews in human thought and action.
- How a worldview is formed and how it is changed or transformed.
- Reflection on issues involved in the development of a Christian worldview from Scripture.
- Contextualisation of the gospel.

Topic B: What is a Christian worldview?

- Theology and worldview
- Christian worldviews and their application to Christian life and ministry.

Topic C: Non-Christian worldviews:

- Atheism
- Buddhism
- Terrorism
- Consumerism

Topic D: Application of a Christian Worldview

- Literature and the arts
- Ethics
- Health care
- Media and communication - Creation care (ecothology)
- Cross cultural ministry