## 'Image of God' seminars

The truth that every human being is made in the image of God (Gen 1:27) drives so much of CARE's work. Every one of us has an inherent dignity, no matter who we are.

We offer a series of talks that explores how this imago Dei shapes our worldview, and also how the culture around us has distorted these biblical foundations.

This series works well at a church weekend or Gospel Partnership day. It will be customised for your context, depending on the amount of time available, but can include talks on the following themes:



## Feedback about our team

"That was a model of how to engage with the topic kindly and with grace to people coming from an alternative view."

Nigel S, pastor

"Such a good talk on a very tricky subject. Pete has a real gift for public speaking and clear thinking."

Jessie P, church member

"CARE could not have been more helpful. Their approach was biblically grounded, focussed on the glory of Christ, sober-minded about the state our fallen world and realistic about the scope of politics and political change, yet single-minded regarding the hope of the gospel and optimistic about the limited power of politics to bring good. We were all equipped to better engage with both politics and culture in thoughtful ways."

Matt Lillicrap, CEO of UCCF

"We loved having CARE with us for a Sunday, and really appreciated how they modelled and encouraged an active engagement in politics which is full of grace and truth. We were left with a renewed confidence that the Christian message truly is a better story for human flourishing and eager to do our bit to live that in our local community."

Sam P, pastor

### **Get in touch** Church If you'd like a CARE speaker to come to your **Partnership** church, get in touch to let us know your preferred topic, and we can find a suitable Planning CARE's visit date. Where possible, we do ask for a donation which would cover our travel costs to your church and enable us to keep doing what we're doing, standing up for the most vulnerable in our society. Or if you'd like to meet for a coffee to talk more about the work of CARE, we'd love that too.

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Politics renewed, lives transformed

# When can CARE visit your church?

#### **Sunday morning sermons**

When visiting churches on Sunday morning, we'll usually preach on a passage that explores Christian engagement with politics. Recent examples include 'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves' (Prov 31:8), 'Do not put your trust in princes' (Ps 146:3) and 'Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities' (Rom 13:1).

We give a short overview of CARE's work, separate from the sermon, so your congregation knows who we are and what we do.

#### **Prayer meetings**

We love to help the Church pray for government (1 Tim 2:1-2). We can lead your midweek prayer meeting, introduce the work of CARE, provide updates on key issues in politics and equip your church to pray.

#### **Sunday evening seminars**

We run seminars on key issues, helping Christians to understand the arguments on both sides, and to respond with Biblical truth and Christ-like grace.

These seminars work well on a Sunday evening (or a midweek meeting). They require a minimum of 45 minutes, but with a longer session we can explore the topic more deeply, and ensure there is more time for discussion and questions.

See the rest of this leaflet for lists of the topics we cover.



We have speakers available for church weekends. This gives the opportunity to spend more time exploring the Biblical foundations, and applying them to the big questions being debated in the public square.

### **Gospel Partnerships**

Our team is able to attend Gospel Partnership leadership gatherings to provide political updates, as well as teaching at Gospel Partnership training days, whether for lay leaders or the wider church

## 'Bigger picture' seminars

We equip Christians to think through the bigger picture questions of engaging with politics and the world around us. Here's a list of seminars we have recently run:

### An update from the front-line of politics

This seminar is an overview of the current issues being debated in Parliament. It includes Biblical teaching and guidance on how to respond in prayer.

## Does the Bible have anything to say about politics?

From Joseph to Daniel, to Jesus standing before Pilate, political engagement is everywhere in the Bible. This seminar explores the principles found in God's Word, and applies them to today's world.

### How to love your MP, whoever they are

This practical seminar looks at the why and how of engaging with your MP. What can be achieved by writing to them? What does it look like to show love to them?

## When did Christians become the bad guys?

Christians used to be seen as the good guys in society - now many see us as bigoted. Drawing on Stephen McAlpine's book, this seminar explores the lay of the land, and thinks about the Christian way to respond.

### Love your 'enemies' – how to disagree well

In this seminar, we think about how to engage people with fundamentally different worldviews in a way that bridges divides, recognising that even our 'enemies' are made in the image of God.

# 'Better story' seminars

These are the talks we currently offer on specific issues, equipping Christians to tell God's better story to the world.



Get in touch if you'd like more detail on how we approach a particular topic. Every talk is pastorally sensitive, recognising that these are real issues that affect real people's lives.