

MASTERCLASS

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TUESDAY
4 SEPTEMBER
2018

Are you invested in training up the next generation of public Christians?

Is it your passion to give young Christians confidence in their faith?

Masterclass, run by Bible Society Australia, is a one-day event for Christian students in years 9-12 of high school. The goal of Masterclass is to inspire, stretch and encourage the next generation of believers.

"that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best..."
Philippians 1:9

Our highly engaging speakers present on a variety of topics, with a threefold goal based on Paul's prayer for the Philippians above:

- **Foundational teaching** to build the students' confidence in the bible with evidence for the truths of the Christian faith;
- **Missional teaching** to encourage young Christians to live out their faith in their schools, churches, communities and homes; and
- **Topical teaching** to explore contemporary issues of faith and culture from a biblical perspective.

"Masterclass aims to challenge students on what they believe, why they believe it, and how this intersects with their world." – Past attendee of Masterclass

**With
Hot Topics
Q&A**

Mike Hands

Generation Pastor
at Newlife Uniting,
Gold Coast

Welcome to the
revolution



Patricia Weerakoon

Christian Sexologist
and Author

Sex: What has
God got to do
with it?



Southern Christian College

150 Redwood Road, Kingston
Starts at 10:30am. Finishes at 2:40pm.

Tuesday 4 September

This is a **FREE** event

Register at www.masterclass.org.au

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS



Mike Hands
Missional

Michael Hands is the Generation Pastor at Newlife Uniting on the Gold Coast. Having worked as an English and History teacher for two years prior to becoming a pastor, Michael is deeply passionate about education and young people.

Graduating from Emmanuel College in 2006 Michael went on to study at University of Queensland, gaining a dual degree in Arts and Education majoring in History and Religion, followed by a Diploma in Ministry and Leadership and is currently two-thirds the way through Masters in Ministry.

Mike is married to Sarah and loves reading, learning and leading others as he continually learns how to follow Jesus.

Welcome to the revolution

Abstract: Faith was never meant to be boring, it was never meant to be sterile. When Jesus spoke of the kingdom of God he had more in mind than a Church service on a Sunday. Jesus came to begin a movement, a revolution that would upend power-structures through radical humility and love, but what does this revolution and movement look like today, and how do we become a part of it?



Patricia Weerakoon
Topical

Trained in Medicine (Sri Lanka) and Sexology (Hawaii), Patricia is an honorary senior lecturer with Sydney University. She has more than 30 years of experience as a sex educator, researcher and therapist in the US, Sri Lanka and Australia.

After a career as Director of a graduate programme in sexual health at the University of Sydney, she retired in 2012 to pursue her passion for writing and public speaking. These bring together her enthusiasm for sex and her love for the glory of God. Patricia regularly holds seminars at schools, churches and conferences, sharing her passion for sexual health.

Sex: What has God got to do with it?

Abstract: The world challenges you to consume and do whatever feels good to you. Sex is a commodity to be shared at the swipe on your iPhone and viewed on explicit porn sites. What makes you vulnerable to the peer pressure of your generation? Does God have anything to say about sex? Is it possible to live a countercultural lifestyle and be happy? Explore the challenges of living in a super-sexualised cyber world. Come and be challenged as Patricia explores God's plan for sex and relationships.

If you are a principal, teacher, chaplain, youth leader or parent, Bible Society is asking you to invite students who would benefit from a day to invest in their spiritual development. Masterclass will better prepare them to be public Christians who have confidence within their schools and community.

There is no limit to the size of your group. Book this date with your school and register your student and teacher numbers at www.masterclass.org.au.

Contact Gayle Baikie for any enquiries at masterclass@biblesociety.org.au or 02 9870 5636

"My students loved it, found every talk helpful and relevant for their Christian faith and expression of it in their lives and at school. Encouraging to see so many other Christian students!"
— Past attendee of Masterclass

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