

A Church Shaped for Mission:

Training series for Church Leaders - Rev Dr Martin Robinson

This is a time of great challenge for the church, but also great opportunity. Our culture is changing and we need to build mission shaped churches which can speak into our neighbourhoods, and build transformed and transforming communities.

God is already at work and there are many exciting church initiatives underway. Nationally and internationally many church leaders and thinkers are grappling with the challenges of mission in the Western World. In our more local context we have much to learn from each other and from this broader picture.

March 9th: Understanding Missional Leadership
Leadership is the key to the transformation of the church in mission. We explore the kind of leadership we need for the situation we face.

April 13th: Communicating the Gospel
Because the world has changed we need to be able to communicate the unchanging message of Jesus in fresh and appropriate ways. This topic examines how to engage in these areas of sensitivity.

June 8th: Missional Context
An examination of our current cultural context that also investigates how we understand rapid, discontinuous change and its impact in our culture.

July 13th: Forming People
Organisations need people who are communicating well with each other, listening carefully and developing skills of discernment

and an understanding of others. We explore how to engage in these areas of sensitivity.

September 14th: Mission shaped Groups
The development of small group structures is vital in mission. We investigate ways in which we might construct groups that exhibit missional life.

October 12th: Reading a Community
The local context is vitally important. We examine how to develop skills to read and understand our local context such that we might interpret what we see and then determine a creative way forward.



Revd Dr Martin Robinson trained for the ministry in his late teens and early twenties. His first church was in inner city Birmingham. That congregation helped to plant a number of congregations and Martin became the minister of one of those church plants in suburban Birmingham. In 1987 he went to work for the Bible Society, initially as Church Growth Consultant and then as Director of Mission and Theology. Martin left the Bible Society in 2002 to become the National Director for Together in Mission.

He has written ten books on mission, especially with reference to a western context. He is married to Lynda and they have three adult children.

£15.00 Including Refreshments and Lunch - 10am-3.30pm
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Handling Change... without dying in the process

May 18th

Chris Stoddard & Nick Cuthbert

Bringing about change constructively is one of the hardest leadership tasks. Many have been shipwrecked in the process. However, change is vital today if we are to be effective in moving from maintenance to mission and we all need help in navigating these difficult waters.

Nick Cuthbert (Riverside Church Birmingham) & Chris Stoddard (Director RUN) will lead the conference which will cover issues such as:

- Reasons why change may be needed
- Understanding how people respond to change
- Dealing with complacency



- The process of change
- Managing conflict
- Smooth transitions in leadership
- When not to change!

This will be an interactive day drawing on real life experiences and giving plenty of time for discussion, teaching and reflection.

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