

UP IN OUT

3 DIMENSIONS OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

**Reaching Out:
Overcoming Fears | Creating Opportunities**

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Up In Out: Living as Disciples



Reaching Up: Connected in Prayer



Reaching Up: Inspired by the Word



Reaching Up: Exalted in Worship



Reaching In: United by Relationship not Religion



Reaching In: United in Love for One Another



Reaching In: United as Disciples Together



Reaching Out: Living the Gospel | Sharing the Gospel



Reaching Out: Breaking Down Walls



Up In Out: Series Conclusion



Series Aim

- To encourage and propel people in a life where:
- Relationship with God
- With others in the church community
- And with the unchurched flourishes



Introduction

- Up – encountering God
 - In – involved as family
 - Out – engaged with those who don't know Jesus
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- Are we 2D or 3D disciples?



Up – Prayer

- Seek greater depth in your prayer life
- Our Father wants the best for us
- So focus on Him
- Spend time with Him
- Talk with Him about everything
- Be intentional



Up – Word

- Be ready to think
- Be prepared to invest time
- Be literal, but respect literary devices
- Be aware of genre
- Be conscious of context



Up – Worship

- Ask God for help
- Choose to worship
- Identify the idols in your life
- Understand worship is your whole life
- Live in God's presence
- Find new ways to worship



In – Relationships

- Check my expectations
- Ask for God's help
- Seek to encourage – word, prayer, deed
- Check my heart
- Have I tried to be reconciled
- Have I made the first move



In – Love for one another

- Jesus' command: Love one another
- As we love each other
- As we serve each other
- We naturally obey His commands
- **“By this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another”**



In – Disciples together

- The time has come, God's kingdom is here
- Repent – live differently
- Believe – stop being passive!



Out – Living and Speaking

- Sharing the gospel is...
- Our holiness
- Our good deeds
- Our words



Out – Living and Speaking

- How would you explain why you do what you do?
- What are your specific testimonies?
- Can you tell your conversion story?
- Can you describe the big story?



Out – Breaking down walls

- What does it really mean for God to be the **centre** of your life?
- What does it really mean to love our neighbours **as we love ourselves?**



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The big questions...

Panel discussion on Reaching Out

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Do you have any suggestions of how to witness effectively to close family members or friends who you may have been praying for for years, but are showing no interest in the gospel?

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How would you answer someone who says their deceased loved one was a confirmed atheist/non-believer and they are not interested in a God who says their loved one is in hell?

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How do you introduce God and 'religion' into a conversation in a way that seems natural and not forced?

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How would you address questions about how a loving God can allow so much suffering?

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How would you engage with someone who is anti-church/religion or God because of all the negative associations with Christianity or the Church – i.e. child abuse, war etc...

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What would you say to a Christian who is concerned they don't know enough about theology or scripture to engage with people effectively?

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Is there more the church could/should be doing to be more approachable/inclusive for the unchurched?

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**How do we tackle the rising tide of
apparent apathy towards religion and the
prevailing philosophy of personal truth?**

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How would you engage with someone who simply sees God as irrelevant – they are happy, life is good and they don't need God?

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Do you have any tips for keeping the gospel message relevant, and avoiding Christian jargon, to an unchurched generation?

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How do you overcome the natural fear of rejection or ridicule?

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How would you answer someone who takes the view that modern science has effectively disproved God?

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How do you engage with someone who is hostile towards religion and believes it to be a crutch for idiots who can't handle the reality of life?

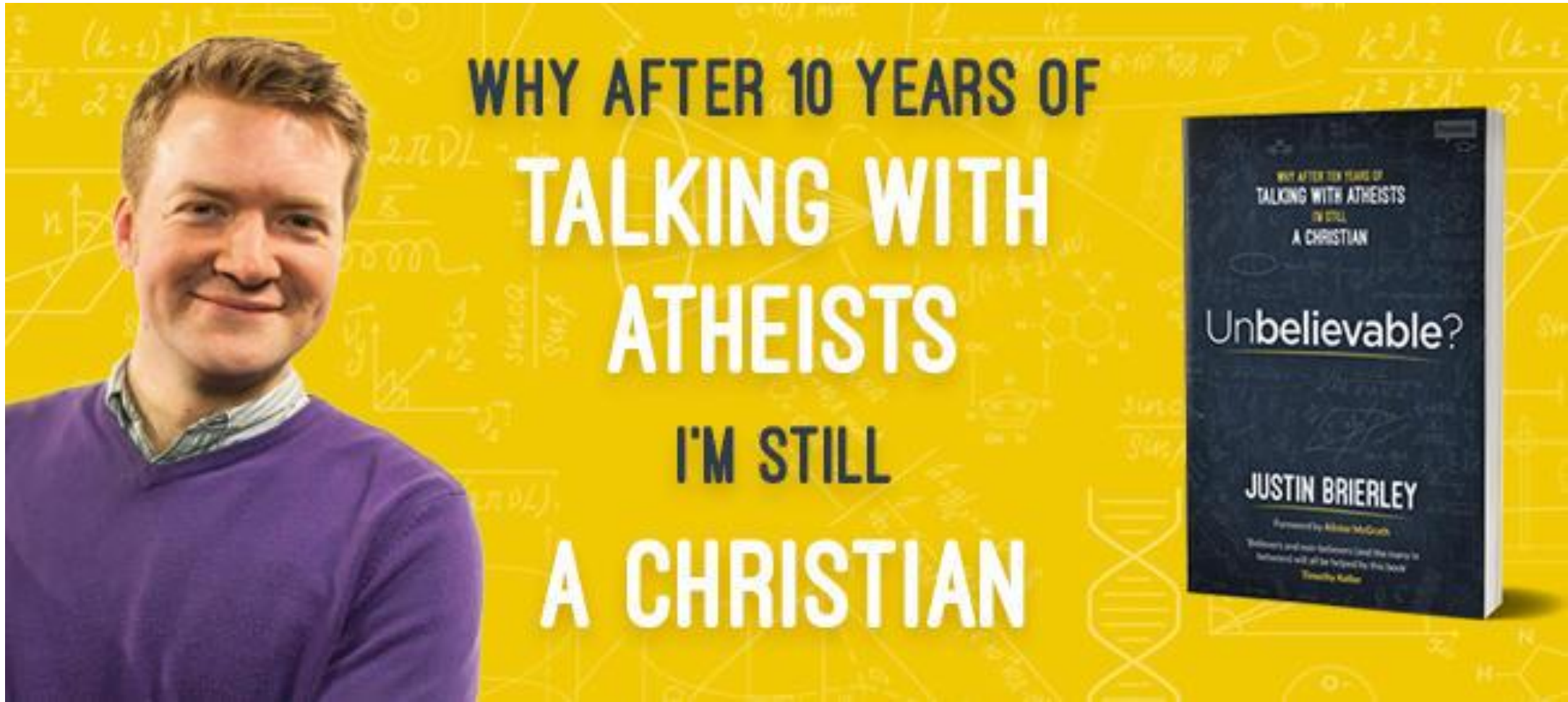
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Do you think we should be concerned by, or change our approach, in light of the recent (February) arrest and subsequent release of a street preacher in London?

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Introduction to Theology:
Thursday 10th, 17th, 24th Oct
Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st Nov

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Details to follow...

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