



Confident Christianity

Sharing the gospel
in an age of tough questions

Solas

at

**Plymstock United
Church**

CONFIDENT CHRISTIANITY - SESSION 4

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DISCUSS.

- **What does 'evangelism' look like in your church at present?**
- **List all the things you can think of that make up the evangelistic programme/training/resources which your church offers.**



Go & Tell

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*Church family equipped & resourced to
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*Church family equipped & resourced to
invite people to church*

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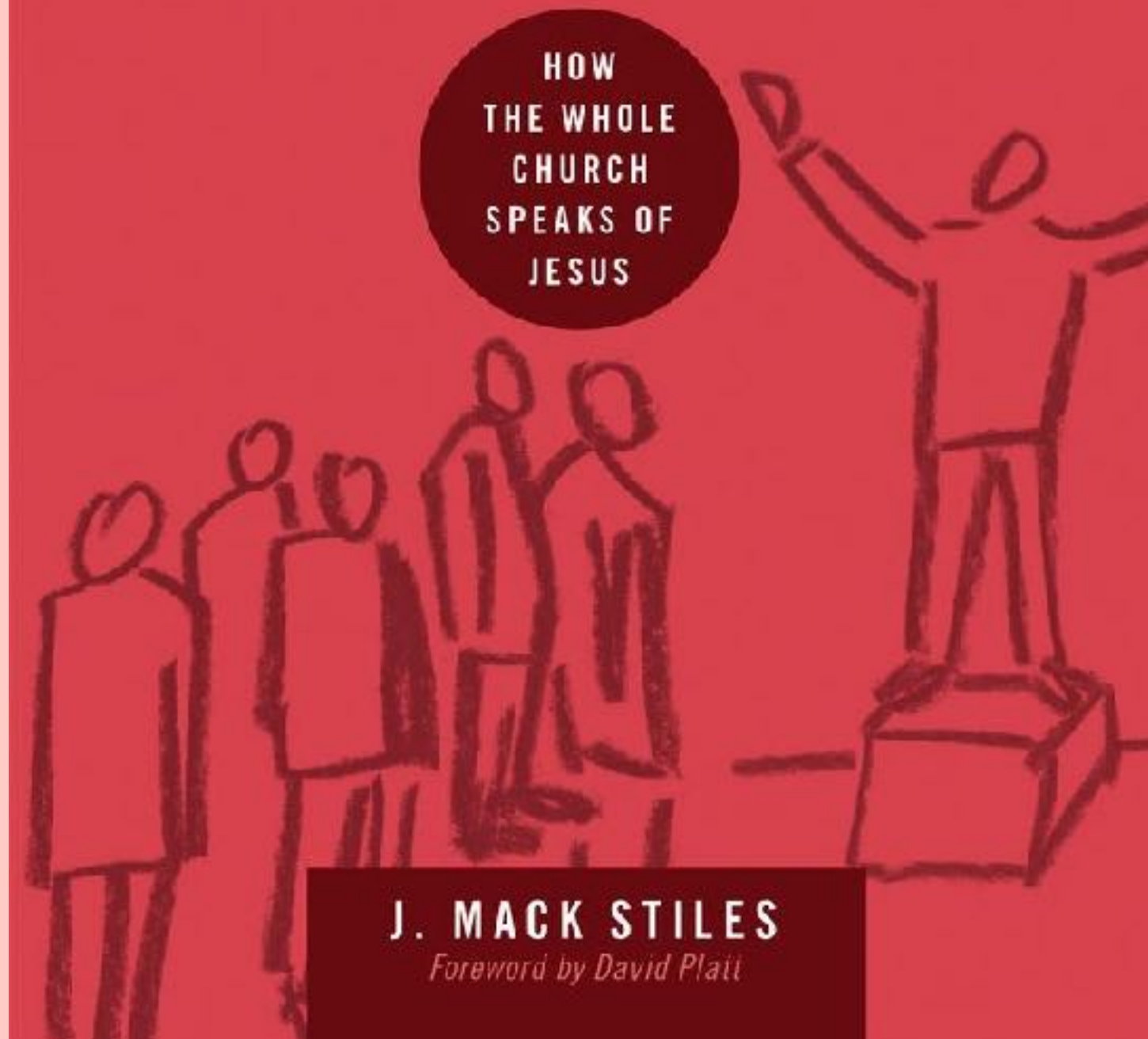
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IX 9Marks BUILDING HEALTHY CHURCHES

EVANGELISM

HOW
THE WHOLE
CHURCH
SPEAKS OF
JESUS



J. MACK STILES
Foreword by David Platt

“WE SEEM TO HAVE AN INSATIABLE HUNGER
FOR PROGRAMS TO ACCOMPLISH
EVANGELISM.

WHY?

PROGRAMS ARE LIKE SUGAR. IT’S TASTY, EVEN
ADDICTIVE. [BUT] **A STRICT DIET OF
EVANGELISTIC PROGRAMS PRODUCES
MALNOURISHED EVANGELISM.**

PROGRAMS CAN OFTEN MAKE US FEEL AS IF
WE’VE DONE EVANGELISM WHEN WE HAVEN’T.
SO...WE SHOULD USE THEM STRATEGICALLY,
BUT IN MODERATION.”

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DISCUSS.

- **Go back through your list from earlier. Try and categorise them into *Go & Tell* or *Come & See*.**
- **Where gets most focus? Where do you think your church could/should 'turn up the heat' in the season it's in?**



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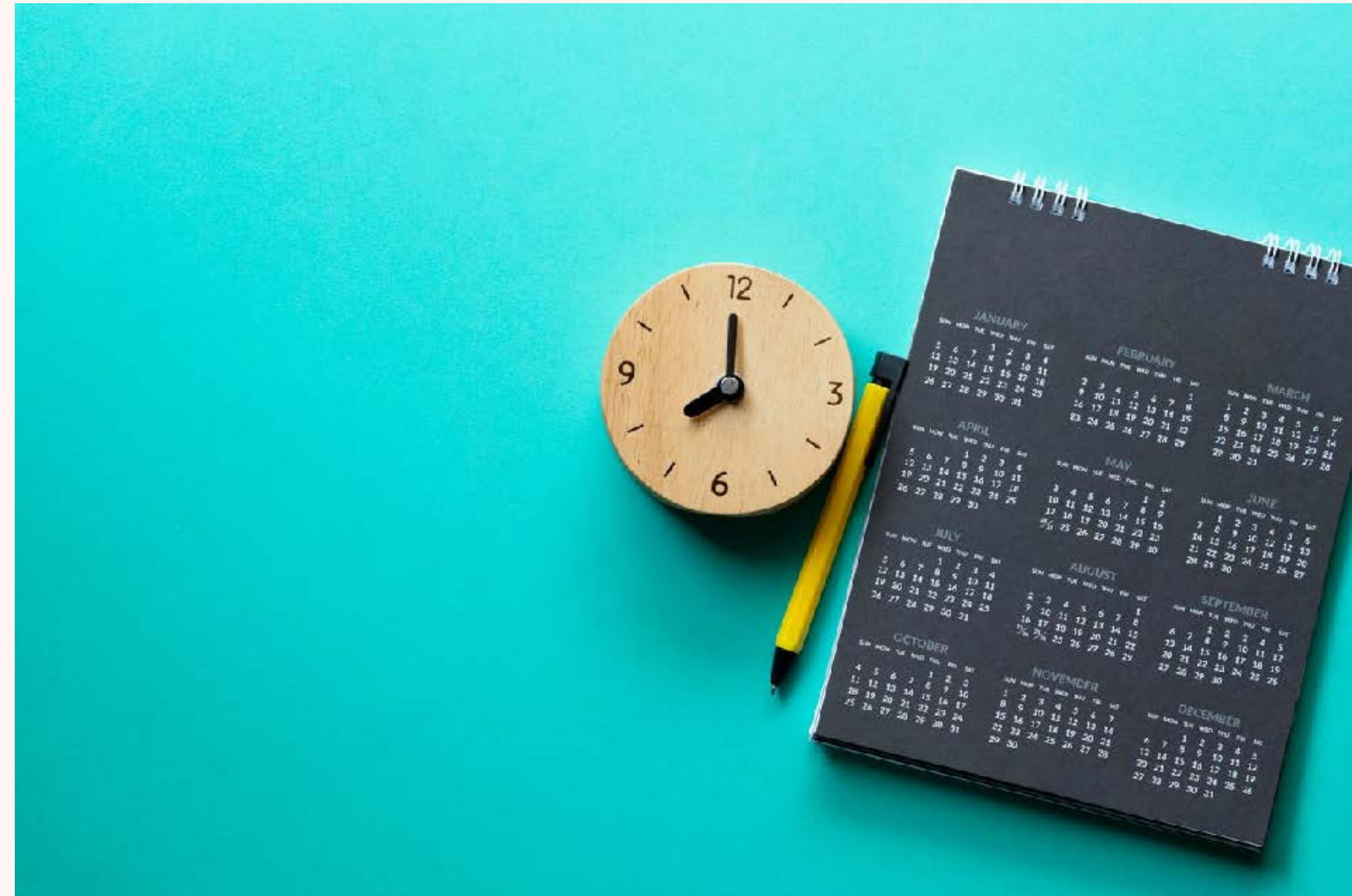
**GO & TELL:
*LOWER THE BAR!***



**EG. ACCESSIBLE
ONE-TO-ONE
RESOURCES**



COME & SEE: *REGULAR RHYTHM!*



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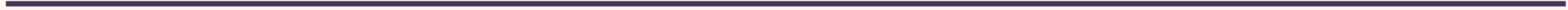
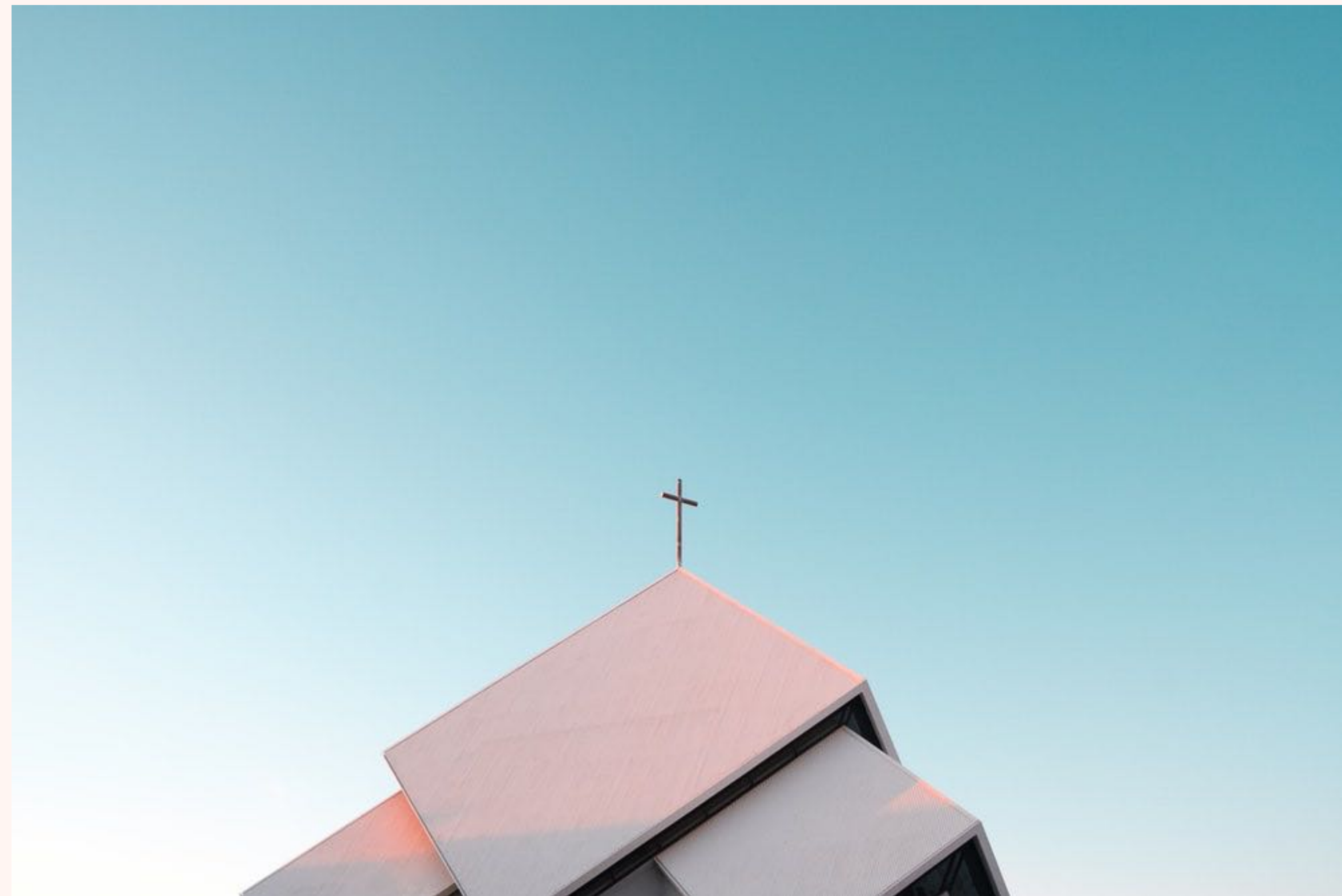
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Explore Course

(Four follow-on sessions to explore things further - usually Something Better or CE)

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SERVE AS A LIVING AND
BREATHING APOLOGETIC - AN
EMBODIMENT OF FAITH, HOPE
AND LOVE.

OUR CHURCH SERVICES ARE
**AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE
OUTSIDERS TO PEEK OVER TO
THE OTHER SIDE AND
WONDER, "WHAT IF...?"**

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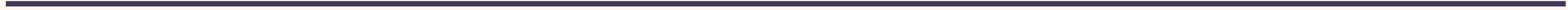
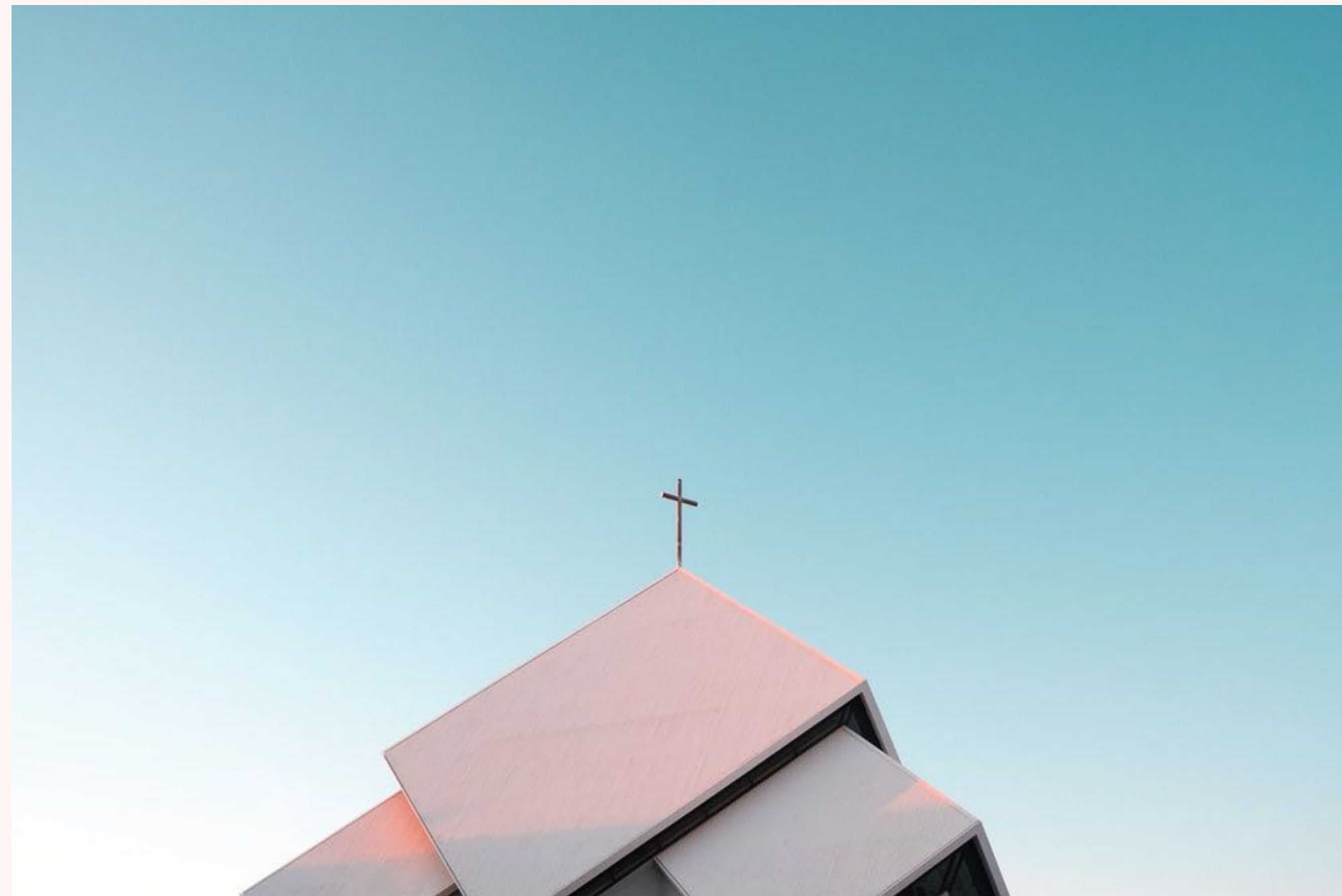
Telling a *Better Story*

*How to Talk About God in
a Skeptical Age*



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- **What ideas do you have to help *lower the bar* so that church family **Go & Tell**?**
- **What might a *regular rhythm* look like for your **Come & See** program?**
- **What do your regular Sundays look like? Do they serve to welcome and love the outsider? What works well? What might you change?**





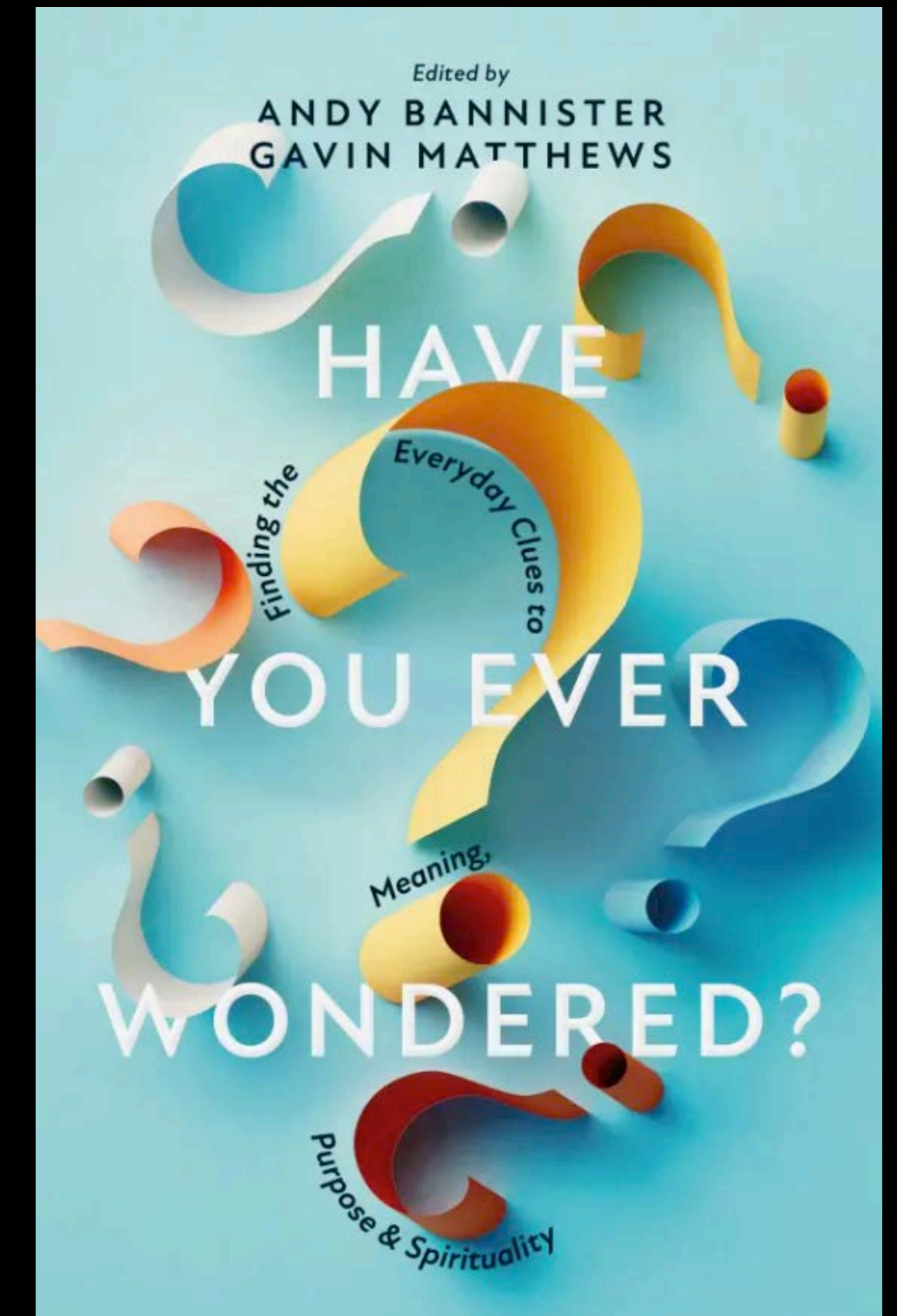
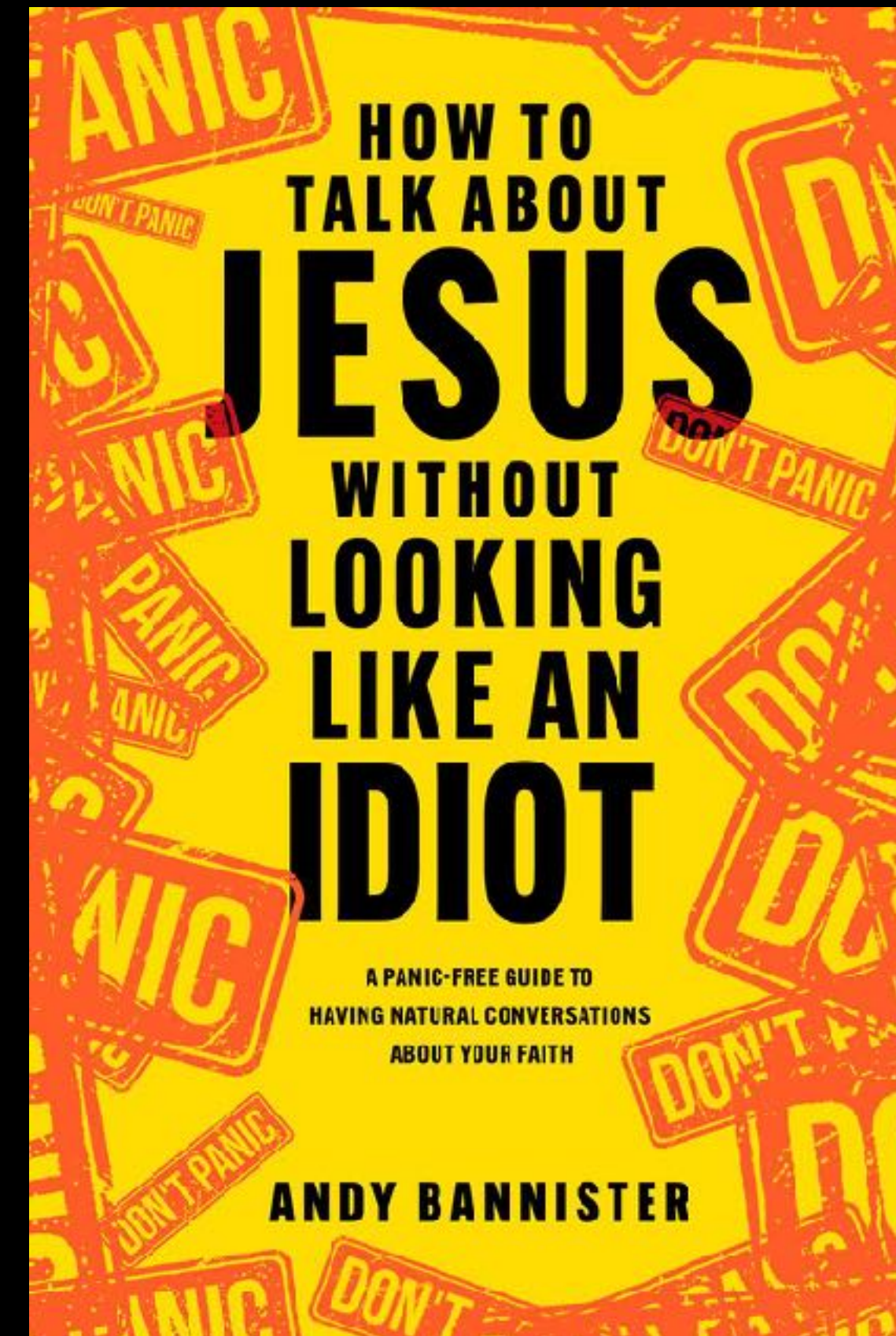
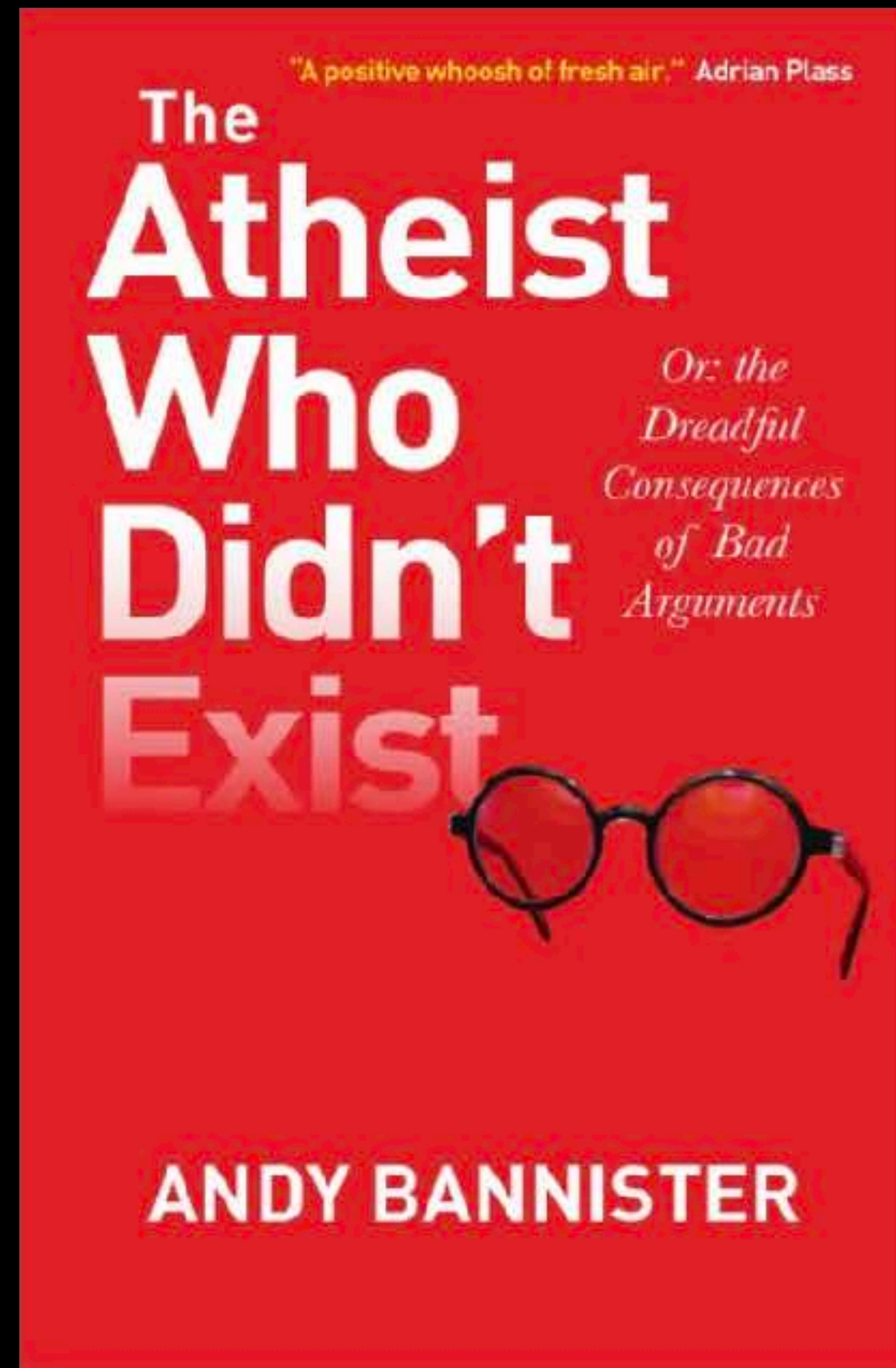
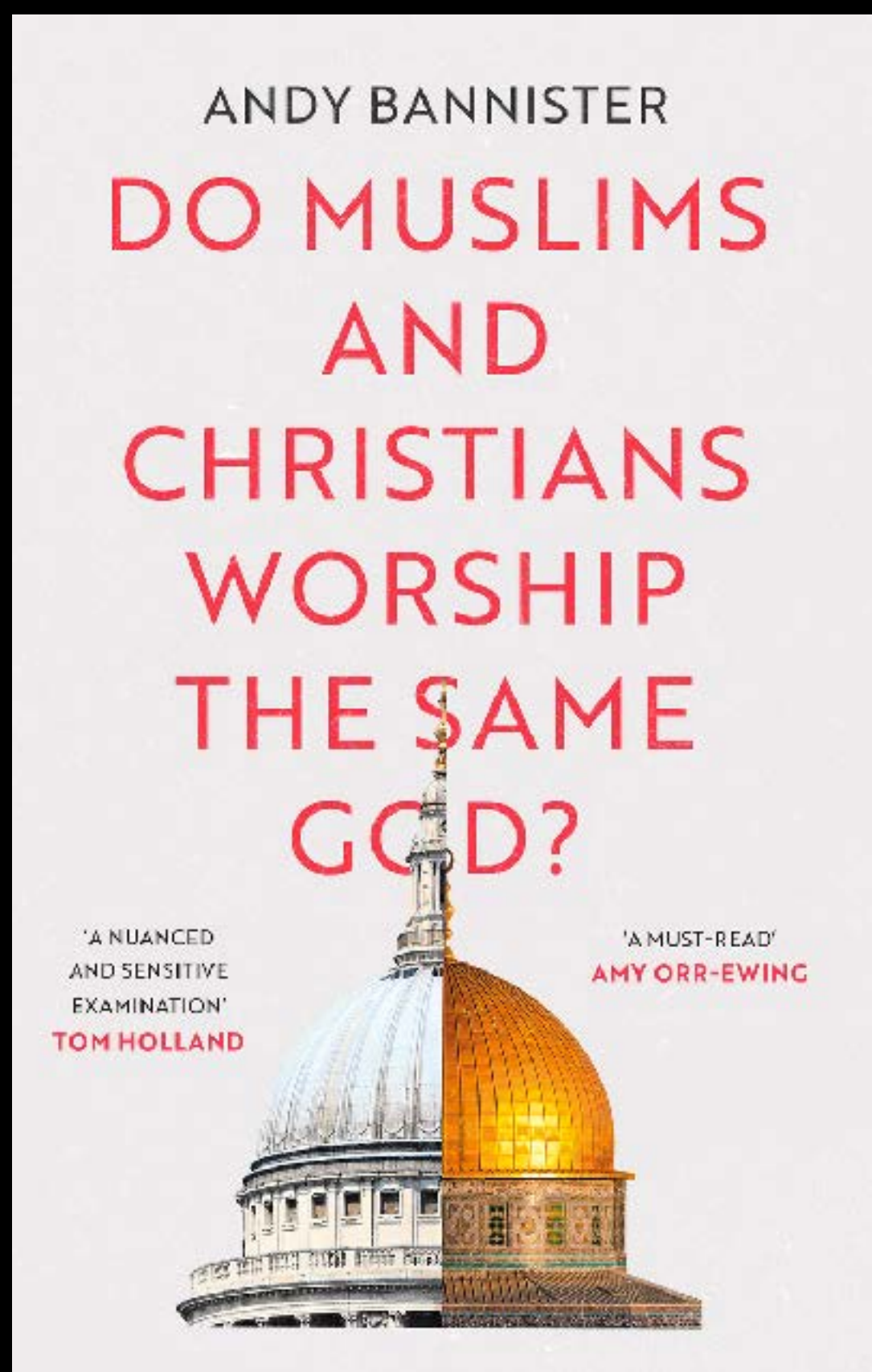
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