

Seminar

Facing Criticism in Union with Christ



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Criticism in the Bible

Matthew 16:23

Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

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Criticism in the Bible

Luke 24:25

Jesus said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

Criticism in the Bible

Hebrews 5:12

...though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

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The criticism we face...

Briefly:

- Describe a time when you were criticised
- What thoughts went round your head in the moments following?

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The criticism we face...

- Different people
- Various situations

The criticism we face...

- Formal or informal
- Sarcastic
- Letter or email
- Back-stabbing
- In person
- Gossip
- "Light-hearted"
- Implied

Dealing with criticism

- What effects has criticism had on you?

Criticism and imagination



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of others



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of yourself



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Criticism and Identity

- What are your identities?

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Criticism and Identity

You also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth...
Eph 1:13

He gave us the right to become children of God John 1:12

...your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you
1 Cor 6:19

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Criticism and Identity

- Permanent and temporary identities
- In Christ, but also in this world
- Defined by Christ or defined by ourselves

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Criticism and Identity

Which aspects of your permanent identity do you tend to dwell on?

Which aspects of your temporary identity do you tend to dwell on?

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Identity and Imagination

“Words must be translated into images, feelings, sensations and experiences. Words... requir[e] more from us, and therefore yield[] more for us.”

Karen Swallow Prior, interview with Joel Miller, www.millersbookreview.com

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Identity and Imagination

I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.

But I have calmed and quietened myself,
I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.

Psalm 131:1b-2

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2 Corinthians 7:1-16

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