

INTENSIVE SUMMER STUDY 2015

DATES: September 1st– September 12th

THEME: “Foundations for Christian Leadership in a Secular World”

VENUE: YWAM Center, Manali Himachal Pradesh

INVESTMENT:

Rs.3500 per participant for Delhi based candidates and Rs. 2500 for outstation participants who will bear the cost of their own travel. *Those with genuine financial needs can apply for a partial or full waiver of the amount. Finance need not be a hindrance.*

THE SYLLABUS FOR THE 2015 INTENSIVE SUMMER SCHOOL (ISS) WILL INCLUDE TOPICS SUCH AS:

SECTION – A (Canato Chopi)

1. The Genesis of all things – On Developing a Biblical Worldview
2. Theories of human nature: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam & Darwinian.
3. Sociological Theories of the Origin of Religions – a Christian Critique.
4. Ideology and its Formation: Contemporary Ideologies in Action

SECTION – B (Samuel Vaiphei & Azhoni Krichena)

5. Gospel Confronts Structural Sin
6. Sociology and Psychology of Violence & Ethnic conflicts
7. Is it Ok for a Christian to be a Patriot?

SECTION – C (Samuel Vaiphei)

8. Culture of Creativity: On The Habits of Geniuses & Highly Effective Individuals and Groups
9. Creativity, Innovation & Lateral Thinking
10. Bringing about creativity & innovation in one’s personal work and group settings.
11. Thematic Origins of Scientific Thought from Kepler to Einstein & Pioneers of IT Revolution
12. A Study on The Sources of Economic Genius: Adam Smith to Amartya Sen

SECTION – D (Sathish Simon)

13. The Art of Developing & Maintaining Indispensable Relationships

SECTION – E (Chuba)

14. Skeptics of Climate Change: Scientific & Biblical Critique
15. Systems Thinking: A Primer
16. Sustainable Development Goals & the Indian Government
17. Creativity & Innovation: Towards a Sustainable Society

THERE WILL BE Special Lectures on

- “Is the World Getting Better?”
- End Times Misconceptions
- How NOT to Read the Bible; How to Read the Bible
- Humility: The Mother of All Virtues

DAILY COMMUNAL MORNING SCRIPTURAL MEDITATIONS

- A). Week 1 – Ephesians
- B). Week 2 – Gospel of Luke

The primary format will be that of a 1hr45mins lecture and discussion sessions – 3/4 in a day. Each day will begin with a meditation on the Gospels. Learning will be enhanced via Debates, Strategy Games and cohort brainstorm sessions. And of course Manali will afford us to have plenty of outdoor activities to rejuvenate the body after a heavy exercise of the mind and the heart.

FOR WHOM is the ISS 2015 INTENDED?

The ISS 2015 is meant for those who want to enhance their personal walk with God and be salt and light in a world that is dim, confused and out of joint. It is for those who want to discover what their **calling** is and how the various gifts they have can be discovered, developed and deployed for the glory of God. **It is for the dissatisfied – those dissatisfied with the status quo and frustrated with the way the church & the world is!** If you want to have a fruitful life [in all its variety] that is pleasing to the LORD, then this is for you.

The CHURCH is the only truly Multi-ethnic, Multi-Cultural, Cosmopolitan body on Earth. As such it is our pleasure to welcome all Christians regardless of denominational affiliations and cultural-ethnic backgrounds. Provided one is willing to learn as well as UNLEARN. An open-mind with a critical questioning (not dismissive) attitude is an asset we look for.

Resource Persons:

- 1. Azhoni Krichena**

Did his Masters in Civil Engineering from IIT Delhi. Worked as a scientist in the Bureau of Indian Standards for 6 years and currently finishing his PhD in Cranfield University UK in Environmental Engineering.

2. Canato Chopi

Obtained his PhD in Anthropology from Delhi University. Currently teaches Social Anthropology at the Center for Study of Indigenous Societies in Central University Ranchi. He's also an avid musician and a graphic comics artist.

3. Chuba Jamir

Finished her Doctoral program in Climate Science from York University, UK. Currently teaches at TERI University in the Dept of Natural Resources.

4. Jasmine Yimchunger

Currently teaches Mass Com at Sikkim University, Gangtok. Her interests are in the way evolving technologies shape human personality and society.

5. Sathish Simon

Currently is a staffworker of Union of Evangelical Students of India, Delhi. Did his Masters in Theology from Union Biblical Seminary, Pune.

6. Samuel Vaiphei

A newly minted IRS (Customs & Central Excise) officer based in Kolkata. Interests includes Narcotics, Intelligence, Black Economy & Geostrategy. Prior to that, he was an Independent Scholar working in Philosophy of Physics, Theology & Economics.

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Event organizer: The North Delhi Evangelical Graduates Fellowship (EGF) and Inter-Collegiate Evangelical Union (ICEU)

Event topic: Foundations for Christian Leadership in a Secular World

Location: Manali Himachal Pradesh

Country: India

Participants: Recent graduates of Indian universities

Language: English