

A LETTER FROM DR. SEAN LUCAS

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My dear Friends:

I have thoroughly enjoyed our Wednesday night series this month on evangelism, engaging our friends and neighbors with the Gospel. If you haven't been able to attend, for whatever reason, you may want to check out the videos on the IPC YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com>, then search IPC Memphis.) Both last night and today at lunch, David Robertson was simply masterful—both in showing the flaws in the secular worldview, but also in reminding us our only hope and answer is found in Jesus. I'm glad that David will be with us on Sunday, both for our morning worship services and for a joint Sunday school. At Sunday Evening Praise, he'll also give testimony to what God is doing in Scotland through St. Peter's Free Church.

I hope you recognize what a gift it is to be at IPC—just think about who has been with us over the past two years: Ligon Duncan, Jemar Tisby, Scotty Smith, Leon Brown, Randy Pope, Russ Whitfield, David Robertson along with Derek Thomas (with Ligonier), John Sartelle, and Richie Sessions. God has brought choice servants to share God's Word with us; not every church has the opportunity to have faithful ministers like this share God's Word on special topics and seasons. I'm excited about other voices we will be bringing over the next eighteen months or so that will help us live as more faithful disciples of Christ in God's world.

Too, it is a great joy to be part of a larger church beyond IPC that loves this congregation, that wants to see it prosper. Our long-standing connections with the Free Church are a great example of that. Just over the past eighteen months, to have David Meredith, Alister MacLeod, David Robertson, and Innes Macsween with us—and then, the men from the United Kingdom who will be with us for our missions conference this coming February—has been a tremendous gift. That we would have these connections and to have these men's prayers and care is an amazing gift that not every congregation experiences.

Friends, let's not take this for granted. Let's not take our church, its witness, its opportunities for granted. Above all, let's not take Jesus, his Word, his people for granted. It is a great day in the life of Independent Presbyterian Church. Let's rejoice in God's goodness even as we share his Word with others!

In the grip of God's grace,



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