

Spirituality in the Pub is a forum for conversation...

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Its purpose is **conversation for the sake of renewal**. In such conversations we listen to the longings, insights, questions, needs and aspirations of people. In this way we seek to understand and gain insight - individually and corporately - into what is happening in the contemporary situation so that we might respond well.

We also seek to include in the conversation - at least implicitly - **the foundational values of our faith as disciples of Jesus**. Thus conversations are geared around what is *actually* happening, as distinct from what we might like to think is happening. These conversations seek to probe both the secular and sacred dimensions of our lives today. We do this by **the careful selection of themes, topics and speakers**. We choose a venue that will be open to such a conversation for all searchers, not only for those comfortable within traditional structures.

The format of the evening is simple:

- It begins at a designated time, say 7.30pm.
- There are two speakers.
- Each is given 15 minutes to present a point of view.
- The presentations are then followed by a 5 minute break in which people speak with one another or get another drink.
- There is then open forum in which the people are invited to ask questions of the presenters or put their own point of view.
- The formal part of the evening ends an hour and a half later, say at 9pm.

In thinking about this initiative it is important to remember that *Spirituality in the Pub* **focuses on conversation, not teaching**.