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Resonate on the Road

In October, the CRC team began promoting the Resonate online media project to churches around the country. Roshan Allpress led the information meetings, supported by Lottie Allpress and John Lindsay.

The first meeting was held in Timaru, followed by Palmerston North, Wellington, Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga.

At each presentation, churches are encouraged to sign up as partners to resonate.org.nz where they are offered support to help them upload sermons and other media to their websites. The project also includes the Resonate online library which already has more than 500 sermons and other talks (including over 100 from the CRC library) that are free to listen to and download.

According to a survey carried out earlier this year, the top reason people visit church websites is to get service times and locations. A close second is to listen to sermons online, highlighting the importance of online media for churches.

Increasingly, people are expecting to stay connected with what happens at Sunday services even when they cannot be there because they are travelling, ill or have family commitments. Similarly, as more and more people go online to read the news or watch TV, they want to access teaching and other resources online.

And it's not just young adults. The fastest growing group of online



users is women older than fifty, which is also the largest demographic group of New Zealand Christians.

As a society, the way we listen is changing, and the Church needs to make sure we keep communicating well.

Churches and Christian ministries must develop their presence on the internet as they work to fulfil God's call to communicate the Gospel well and form communities that are faithful to the Scriptures. CRC's message to churches is that Resonate can help them operate well in the online world.

If your church has missed out on the Resonate Road Show, and you would like more information about how you can become a Resonate partner, please call us on 03 355 7514 or email info@resonate.org.nz

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New DVDs

V1032 | Chuck Missler | Strategic Perspectives 2009

Recorded in Brisbane during his recent tour of Australia and New Zealand, this DVD presents Chuck's perspective on current events and how Christians might interpret them.

V1033 | Louie Giglio | My Really Bad Date

Part 1: It's Not You. It's Me | 52 minutes

Because we fear rejection and crave acceptance we often stay in a relationship which hurts us. The first step towards a good date is to remember that God designed you as a person of value. Also recognise that we are all works in progress.

Part 2: Baggage Claim | 54 minutes

We all bring baggage into our relationships. The baggage includes our parents, developmental hang-ups, expectations, pride and previous relationships.

Part 3: The Hook-up | 55 minutes

God has given each person the gift of sexual innocence. What are you going to do with the sexual innocence God has given you? It is a treasure to take into your marriage. (You should preview this message before showing to a youth audience)

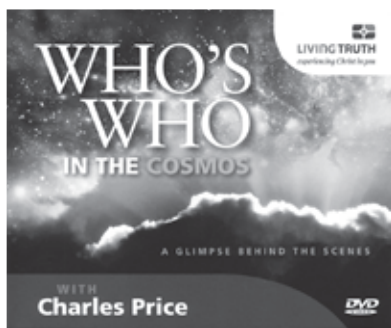
Part 4: DTR (Define the Relationship) | 56 minutes

At some point in a relationship one partner (usually the girl) will want to know where the relationship is going. The answer will help determine whether the relationship continues. Even more important than boy-girl relationships, we need to define our relationship with God.

V1034 | Charles Price

Who's Who in the Cosmos (A Glimpse Behind the Scenes)

Charles presents a wide ranging view of the spiritual forces that are not usually visible to the human eye.



Part 1: Enemy Number one – Satan | 51 minutes

Part 2: Identifying Demons | 65 minutes

Part 3: Demon Deceptions | 46 minutes

Part 4: Angels – God's Secret Agents | 50 minutes

COMMENT

by John Lindsay CRC's Operations Director



The impact of irrigation was obvious when I visited Oamaru, my home town, at Labour weekend.

Millions of dollars have been spent to bring water to farms that now run dairy herds and related activities.

It is easy to take this precious liquid for granted. Here in Christchurch we have some of the best water in the country. We turn on the tap and enjoy a fresh supply untainted by the chemicals used to purify the water in most cities and towns.

When I visited India a couple of years ago, I was more aware of water quality than usual. I filled a bottle on the evening flight from Singapore so I would have enough for my first night in New Delhi. Next morning I set out to find bottled water and was relieved to discover supplies at a train station near my hotel. At a conference centre in West Bengal a week later we were shown blue painted taps where the water was safe to drink.

In recent months, water has featured in news stories from Samoa, the Philippines and Hawkes Bay. A tsunami wiped out coastal villages, typhoons brought torrential rain and hail pounded orchards.

Some experts are predicting we will see more wars fought over access to water in areas frequently hit by drought.

In Ecclesiastes 1:7, the Teacher hints at the marvels of the water cycle through which evaporation lifts water from the sea to the clouds from where it returns to earth as rain, hail and snow. It is a perpetual wonder of God's creation.

Many of those who urge us to do more to protect our environment do not acknowledge God as the creator of all, yet they recognise how easily ecosystems are damaged or destroyed. We who worship the creator and enjoy the blessings of new life in Christ should be among the best stewards of God's handiwork. The way we use water is part of that responsibility.

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