

CALL FOR PAPERS
SOCIETY OF VINEYARD SCHOLARS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 3-5, 2011
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, USA

All are invited to attend the 2011 SVS conference. All who are working on or have earned a graduate degree in any field are invited and encouraged to submit a paper for consideration that has general relevance to the conference theme: **"By The Renewal Of Your Mind: Imagining, Describing, and Enacting the Kingdom of God."**

There are also four specific areas under the general rubric of the conference theme in which submissions are particularly encouraged this year.

1. Imagining Discipleship: Globalization, pluralism, and post-modernity have posed generative challenges to traditional practices of Christian discipleship. What does discipleship look like in the 21st Century? How must a Kingdom movement grow and change to make disciples in this new context?

2. Doctrines of Justification: It is been widely argued (including at SVS 2010) that substitutionary atonement is not the only satisfactory way to describe the justifying work of God in Jesus Christ. What other models do we find in scripture and in the Christian tradition? Which models are useful for creating coherent narratives about the Kingdom of God?

3. Epistemology & the Kingdom: How does the presence of the Holy Spirit transform the human capacity to know the truth, God, the world as it actually is? What does the reality of the Kingdom—both now and not yet—tell us about the limits of human knowledge and experience?

4. Formation of Orthodoxy: Historic "orthodoxy" has long functioned to identify the theological center of Kingdom communities. This is particularly true for those who have understood themselves as evangelical. Nevertheless, the content of orthodoxy is contested and has changed over time. What important issues does this usage of orthodoxy raise? To what degree is orthodoxy best conceived as constructed by humans and/or underwritten by God?

Submitting a Paper

SVS highly values an interdisciplinary approach; in order to adequately address the above themes and questions, it is necessary to hear theologically-reflective perspectives from a wide variety of fields in the humanities, social sciences, and even the natural sciences.

Also, we particularly welcome papers from women and non-white men, voices which have historically been under-represented in theological dialogues to the detriment of the conversation in general. This is not in any way to discourage the participation of white men(!), but rather to encourage the full participation of all who believe in the mission of the Society of Vineyard Scholars.

Papers must be twelve pages in length, double-spaced, excluding footnotes. Completed papers must be emailed to societyofvineyardscholars@gmail.com no later than December 1st, 2010. You will be notified of the acceptance status of your paper by December 15th, 2010.

Further details about the conference are available on the web at www.vineyardusa.org/scholars.