

Narcissism:

Seminars from a Theological and Psychological Perspective

Abstract: Narcissism or excessive self-focus is a concept describing our culture and many of our populist world leaders. It is relevant to difficulties in intimate relationships. In a series of four 90 minutes seminars held at the Wesley Uniting Church Foyer on February 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 4pm. All welcome.

The topics are:

(a) Narcissism: myth and reality?

Our culture, the narcissism myth, biblical figures and psychological criteria.

(b) Misconceptions about narcissism.

Is it just selfish? Personality as structure. Buber and I-I.

(c) The good the bad and the ugly: Issues.

Examining narcissistic rage, narcissistic injury and various categories of the disorder.

(d) Narcissism and the church.

Case study with Jean Vanier. Warning signs. Hillsong. When narcissism is spiritualised. A theological evaluation.

*The seminars will be led by the **Rev Dr Bruce Stevens**, retired clinical and forensic psychologist. Wicking professor of ageing and practical theology at CSU 2015-2019.*

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