

YEAR-ROUND MENTORING IN EVANGELICAL THEOLOGY

with Ádám Szabados

Leaders



Ádám Szabados is a Hungarian theologian and the leader of the Hungarian Evangelical Forum. Until 2017 he had been a pastor for 20 years. He is married to Dóra and has two adult sons. He studied English literature and linguistics at the University of Veszprém (MA equivalent, with honours), and theology at Schloss Mittersill Study Center (Diploma in Biblical Studies and Culture) and at Covenant Theological Seminary (ThM in Exegetical Theology). He received his PhD (summa cum laude) in the area of New Testament at Károli Reformed University. His study on the Reformational understanding of sin has been published by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He wrote a book on Eros (Erosz nyomában, Harmat Publishing House, 2008), which aims to address both Christians and non-Christians in their search for the good, the true, and the beautiful. His book on apostolic authority and early tradition (Az apostolok hagyománya. KRE-L'Harmattan) is coming out this spring. Ádám also has a popular theological-apologetic website (divinity.szabadosadam.hu).

Overview

GOAL: To mentor and help participants to think through, appreciate, and defend the core principles of Evangelical Theology, the formal principles of the Bible, and the material principles of the Gospel.

PLAN:

- An online kick-off session on 8 November 2022 at 18:00-19:30 CET.
- Four 90-minute webinars with assignments
- Three-day retreat in Budapest, Hungary on 6-8 December 2022
- Pre-Forum Conference at the 2023 Forum in Wisla, Poland on May 19 and 20, 2023

PARTICIPANTS: Eight to twelve people who are willing to commit to become part of a learning community.

QUALIFICATIONS: The expectation is that the participants be involved in, or have graduated from, formal theological training.

COMMITMENT: In addition to submitting an application, you must commit to:

1. Attend all sessions and meetings (including the online kick-off session on 8 November, the 2022 Retreat, the 2023 Pre-Forum Conference, and the four webinars).
2. Access all webinars on a computer with good internet connection.
3. Read the assigned books and articles.
4. Submit a 2-page (ca. 6000 character) summary paper (with reflections) on the assigned book one week before each webinar to szabados.adam@gmail.com.
5. Give a 10-minute presentation on an assigned topic both at the retreat in Budapest, Hungary in 2022 and at the Pre-Forum Conference in Wisla in 2023. (Topics will be announced at the Pre-Forum Seminar.)
6. Pay attendance fees (see below for retreat fees). For the 2023 Pre-Forum Conference the fees are 80 Euros for a double room and 90 Euros for a single room, or 68 Euros for scholarship recipients.

2022 RETREAT: All Evangelical Theology participants will meet with Adam Szabados in Budapest for a three-day retreat from 12:00 on 6 December to 12:00 on 8 December 2022. Please ensure that you reserve this time in your schedule, also allowing for travel time. The participant fees for the retreat are 150 Euros, or 100 Euros for scholarship recipients. For the retreat, non-scholarship recipients also have the option, which must be chosen in the application form, of paying 190 Euros in order to stay in a single room. Participants are also responsible for their own travel expenses.

Webinars: Dates, Topics, and Assignments

The current Evangelical Theology mentoring plan includes the following 90-minute webinars:

Webinar One: The Authority of the Scriptures

Date and Time: TBD

Readings:

BOOK (participants should choose ONE from the list below and write a 2-page summary with reflections):

- B. B. Warfield: *The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible* (P&R, 1948)
- J. I. Packer: *'Fundamentalism' and the Word of God* (Eerdmans, 1958)
- M. Kruger: *Canon Revisited* (Crossway, 2012)

Please submit the assignment to szabados.adam@gmail.com by (exact date TBD)

As an example of the application of biblical authority on a contemporary ethical question, everyone should read this additional book:

- K. DeYoung: *What Does the Bible Really Say About Homosexuality?* (Crossway, 2015)

ARTICLE (participants should answer in 1 paragraph: "How does the article help you better understand evangelical theology?"):

- C. E. Hill: "'The Truth Above All Demonstration': Scripture in the Patristic Period to Augustine," in D. A. Carson (ed.): *The Enduring Authority of the Christian Scriptures* (Eerdmans, 2016)

Webinar Two: The Inerrancy of the Scriptures

Date and Time: TBD

Readings:

BOOK (participants should choose ONE from the list below and write a 2-page summary with reflections):

- R. C. Sproul: *Explaining Inerrancy* (Renewing Your Mind, 1996)
- G. Beale: *The Erosion of Inerrancy in Evangelicalism* (Crossway, 2008)

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ARTICLES (participants should answer in 1 paragraph: "How does the article help you better understand evangelical theology?"):

- J. Woodbridge: "Did Fundamentalists Invent Biblical Inerrancy?" (<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/did-fundamentalists-invent-inerrancy/>)
- P. J. Williams: "Ehrman's Equivocation and the Inerrancy of the Original Text," in D. A. Carson (ed.): *The Enduring Authority of the Christian Scriptures* (Eerdmans, 2016)

Webinar Three: Penal Substitutionary Atonement

Date: 7 February 2023, 18:00-19:30 CET

Readings:

BOOK (participants should choose ONE from the list below and write a 2-page summary with reflections):

- J. Stott: *The Cross of Christ* (IVP Books, 2006)
- S. Jeffery, M. Ovey, A. Sach: *Pierced for Our Transgressions* (Crossway, 2007)

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ARTICLES (participants should answer in 1 paragraph: "How does the article help you better understand evangelical theology?"):

- J. I. Packer: "What Did the Cross Achieve: The Logic of Penal Substitution"
(https://www.the-highway.com/cross_Packer.html)

Webinar Four: Justification by Faith Alone

Date: 11 April 2023, 18:00-19:30 CET

Readings:

BOOK (participants should choose ONE from the list below and write a 2-page summary with reflections):

- J. Piper: *The Future of Justification* (Crossway, 2007)
- S. Westerholm: *Perspectives Old and New on Paul: The "Lutheran" Paul and His Critics* (Eerdmans, 2004)

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ARTICLES (participants should answer in 1 paragraph: "How does the article help you better understand evangelical theology?"):

- H. Blocher: "Justification of the Ungodly (Sola Fide)," in Carson, et al (eds.): *Justification and Variegated Nomism, Volume 2* (Mohr Siebeck – Baker Academic, 2004)
- Leonardo De Chirico interviews Michael Reeves on the JDDJ
(<https://www.uniontheology.org/resources/doctrine/god/the-joint-declaration-on-the-doctrine-of-justification-a-curtain-on-the-reformation>)

Pre-Forum Seminar at the 2022 Forum on 23 May (14:00-17:30)

READING ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE PRE-FORUM SEMINAR AT THE 2022 ELF

BOOKS:

- J. Stott: *Evangelical Truth* (IVP Academic, 2005)
- G. Machen: *Christianity and Liberalism* (Eerdmans, 2009. First published: 1923)

ARTICLES (participants should answer in 1 paragraph: "How does the article help you better understand evangelical theology?"):

- G. Pritchard – L. De Chirico: "Need for Clarification: Is the Reformation Over? (I-III)" (http://evangelicalfocus.com/l/authors/20/Greg_Pritchard)
- A. Szabados: "Book review of D. Bebbington: Evangelicalism in Modern Britain" (<http://szabadosadam.hu/divinity/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/BEBBINGTON.pdf>)

The YRM program conversations are based on the assigned readings so it is essential that participants commit themselves to reading them!

Application Process

To apply:

1. Complete the [online application](#).
2. Once we have received your online form, your application will be considered complete. We will review completed applications and let you know if you are accepted into the program within four to six weeks.

If you have questions, contact us at initiatives@euroleadership.org