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## Summer Forum: Buzzwords

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If you attended Wheaton College or are acquainted with someone who did, you're probably familiar with the phrase intentional community. As freshman, we often joked that orientation week was simply a way of drilling that phrase deep into our minds, and throughout the rest of our Wheaton career, if you wanted to say something about community, you had to fight against the good-humored sarcasm that followed every resurrection of the phrase. If someone quoted from Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*, as Wheaton students are rather prone to doing, you quickly learned to nod and parcel out a few quotes even if you hadn't read the book.

Whether you attended Wheaton or not, I'm guessing there are certain words you could pick out as being "church words": evangelical, justification, gospel, grace...Do you wonder sometimes what those words mean to people today? Like Wheaton students joking about the word "community," when we approach these words, we sometimes struggle with wariness even bordering on cynicism because you just can't go a week without hearing them.

When the word "evangelical" is now used as an adjective in front of a voting bloc, it's high time we take another look at these words that have become so common place. Indeed, if we were to rediscover their original meaning, we might be shocked out of our complacency.

This year's Summer Forum is going to look at some of these "buzz words"—words that easily roll off our tongues with little or no relation to what they truly mean.

The Summer Forum begins Sunday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m. in Commons Hall. Pastor Josh Stringer kicks off the forum with the word "gospel." Other forum leaders include Dr. Doug Moo and Dr. Duane Litfin as well as members of the pastoral staff.



### SUMMER FORUM 2017

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Commons Hall

June 18: GOSPEL || Josh Stringer

June 25: DISCIPLESHIP || John Supica

July 2: No Forum

July 9: JUSTIFICATION || Dr. Doug Moo

July 16: GLORY || Erik Dewar

July 23: EVANGELICAL || Dr. Duane Litfin

July 30: #BLESSED || Tommy Johnston

August 6: COMMUNITY || Eric Channing

August 13: STRUGGLE || Curt Miller