

# Speakers

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**Dr. Scott Keith** is the Executive Director of [1517](#) and adjunct professor of Theology at Concordia University, Irvine. He earned his doctorate from Foundation House Oxford, under the sponsorship of the Graduate Theological Foundation, studying under Dr. James A. Nestingen. Dr. Keith's research focused on the doctrine of good works in the writings of Philip Melanchthon. He is a co-host of [The Thinking Fellows](#) podcast, contributor at 1517 and author of [Being Dad: Father as a Picture of God's Grace](#), and [Where Two or Three are Gathered](#). Dr. Keith resides in California with his wife, Joy, dividing his time between the mountains and the beach. They have three adult children and 2 grandchildren.

Dr. Keith, while an expert on many subjects specializes in a few particular topics. He is a foremost authority on Philip Melanchthon, his life, relationship to Martin Luther and his vast influence on the Loci Communes. Dr. Keith's recently wrote the foreword for the re-release of Dr. Lowell C. Green's **How Melanchthon Helped Luther Discover the Gospel**. You can check out his own Melanchthon biography booklet, *Meeting Melanchthon*, [here](#).

Dr. Keith is a sought after speaker on family relationships, especially fatherhood. His book *Dad: Father as a Picture of God's Grace* is a beautiful depiction of our Heavenly Father in juxtaposition to our modern culture. Allowing God's transforming grace to flow through your family relationships especially as a father is the apex of this seminar. Dr. Keith also speaks to the need for men to return to the church, for men to befriend and speak the forgiveness of Jesus to one another, modeling true male friendship.

### **Where Two Or Three Are Gathered**

Our grandfathers' generation understood the importance of true male friendship. We long for the same. Why then do more than 2.5 million American men say they have no close friends? Friendship gives value to the day-to-day grind of life. We all need good friends and yet often we cannot say why. This talk explores the countercultural idea of male friendship and why men need at least a few good friends. Finally, Dr. Scott will explore how and why this friendship is a means by which we do good by being little-Christos to each other, as we forgive one another in the name of Christ through true, male friendship.

### **Being Dad**

These talks cover the way fathers, and the subject of fatherhood, are treated in modern culture. Dr. Keith brings his experience with family, students, great mentors, and friends to bear on a subject crying out for attention. Equally, he brings his Christian faith, a scholarly eye for detail, and an ear for story along on the journey, working with the listener to navigate a path to a better country where the Father blesses His children and is honored.

### **Why the Church Needs Masculine Men**

The last 30 years has seen a steady decline in Mainline Denomination congregational enrollment. Why is that? One reason might be that men have left the church in droves. These talks will explore the realities of why men have exited, and the impact of their departure on the life of the congregation and family. Dr. Keith will suggest what the church (and family) need is masculine men to "stick around" and lead. Suggestions will be offered as to how we might get these men back and why forgiveness is such an important part of the strategy.

