

**A Pentecostal Approach to Christian Witness  
in a Postmodern World**  
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ABSTRACT

This project sought to improve the confidence of a group of people interested in Christian witness in the current postmodern setting of North America. A seminar was planned and conducted on a Saturday morning, May 4, 2002, at South Coast Christian Assembly in San Juan Capistrano, California. The idea behind the seminar was that a Pentecostal model for Christian witness might produce more confidence than typical evangelical models. The nature of the project did not allow for comparison: the project only looked at the effectiveness of the seminar training.

A one-day seminar examined the roots of postmodernism and its effects on current culture. The seminar then considered how Luke presented Christian witness in his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, with related material from the writings of Peter and Paul. The seminar concluded with a presentation of the ways Pentecostals could reach their culture while being faithful to Scripture and their tradition.

A survey measured the effectiveness of the seminar and looked at issues of comfort and self-esteem, particularly in the context of Christian witness. The same survey instrument was given before the seminar, immediately after the seminar, and two months later. Results of the surveys indicated growth in confidence of the participants.

The project offered an illustration of how Pentecostals may be better prepared to engage the postmodern world than they might think. The seminar provided this by looking at Christian witness and postmodernism through Pentecostal eyes.