



March 2019

## RZIM Zacharias Trust 4-month series

*Alexander Adewole*

The Barclays Christian Forum were recently honoured to have key members of the *RZIM (Ravi Zacharias International Ministries) Zacharias Trust* presenting four seminal and influential talks. The Zacharias Trust aims to engage with people's heartfelt questions about Christianity and the hope that the Gospel brings. They also equip Christians to share their faith with confidence in an intelligent and articulate way, to help *the thinker believe and the believer think*.

The RZIM Team included world-renowned speakers such as **Michael Ramsden**, **Simon Edwards**, **Dr Tanya Walker** and **Andrew Moore**, who all come from diverse and interesting backgrounds and areas of expertise.

The events were hosted by the Christian Forum Sponsor, Nick Woods (Managing Director, Barclays Central Chief Controls Office) and Rob McIntyre (Managing Director Private Banking).

### Speakers

Michael Ramsden was brought up in the Middle East, taught *Moral Philosophy* and lectured for the *International Seminar for Jurisprudence and Human Rights* in Strasbourg and has addressed NATO on Christian ethics.

DOES INTEGRITY

**Does Integrity Matter?**  
*Michael Ramsden (November 2018)*

Andrew Moore co-leads the *Festival of Thought* event and holds a Master's Degree in The Philosophy of Religion and Ethics.

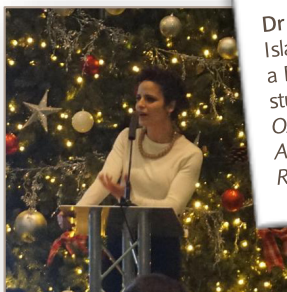
**Purpose and Perspective in Work and Life**  
*Andy Moore (January 2019)*

**Power and Peace in Turbulent Times**  
*Dr Tanya Walker (December 2018)*

Dr Tanya Walker holds an MA in Islamic Societies and Cultures, and a PhD in Politics and international studies. She is the Dean of the *Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics* and an Apologist for RZIM (Zacharias Trust).

**If Profit, Why Ethics?**  
*Simon Edwards (February 2019)*

Simon Edwards is a former Lawyer who holds a Masters degree in theology from the University of Oxford.



We are looking to host more talks with RZIM in the future that will support our principles here at Barclays.



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### Feedback

The feedback from these timely events has been overwhelmingly positive and encouraging with each event packed with folks from Barclays and other organizations within the Wharf.

“Tanya Walker brought some of her personal experiences into the speech, which included her upbringing, education, professional experience and mixed lines of credible reasoning for the Christian faith. Central to her speech was how the evolving social, economic and political landscape globally have demonstrated that despite all the turbulences that life can bring, Christ is an unchanging source of peace and comfort.

The event was at Barclays' wonderful and Christmas-themed landscape at 1 Churchill Place. What a blessing for the event participants and for the Christian Forum!

Jide Oyabayo (Barclays)



Nick Woods,  
Host (January 2019)



Rob McIntyre,  
Host (February 2019)

Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you  
the desires and petitions of your heart.  
(Psalms 37:4, AMP)



“The Purpose and Perspective in work and life talk was about examining our role in and outside of work. It was great, if not humbling, to take a step back for a moment and look at how I integrate in the various roles I occupy in life.

The audience were engaged and the Q&A session lasted over an hour, and that was cutting it short! I know Andrew took a lot of worthwhile feedback from this event.

It was fantastic that Barclays were able to host such an event, which highlighted that God is present in all areas of life.

Neils Ribeiro (Barclays)

## About the Christian Forum

The Christian Forum is a group dedicated to contributing to the success and life of Barclays, and to promote and facilitate fellowship, pastoral care and spiritual support for Christians in the workplace. We want all colleagues to feel confident about bringing their whole self to work. At the Christian Forum we are excited to show the love of Christ in all we do and we are passionate about striving for excellence in all areas of our time at work, ensuring that the legacy we leave upholds the value of stewardship – to leave things better than we found them.

We've been around in one form or another since 1978, and our members are drawn from pretty-much every church background, and can be found across Barclays, both organisationally and globally. We're a diverse people culturally and ethnically, and this brings richness and depth

to our meetings, which are characterised by our oneness together in Christ.

We're inclusive, welcoming colleagues of any faith and none: our meetings and activities are open to everyone working in Barclays workplaces, whether employed by Barclays directly or indirectly (e.g. agency workers). We provide opportunities for colleagues to find out about the Christian faith, to enjoy sharing life together, and to explore the outworking of their faith in the financial services industry in the 21st century.

We promote Christian values in the workplace – which underpin the Barclays values. It's great to also see the alignment with the principles of Barclays' Quaker founders, which were “Honesty, integrity, and plain-dealing”.



## Global updates

### Welcome Hong Kong

Thaddeus Tien

We started the Hong Kong Banking Work Fellowship in May 2018. There are currently 14 of us in the fellowship, consisting of both Christians and seekers. We meet every fortnight on Mondays during lunch. The typical format is to watch a video (short sermon or testimony) and have discussion thereafter, all whilst having lunch. The goal of the fellowship is to bring Christians closer together, and support one another in walking out our faith in the work place.

### New York

Sherwin Garcia

#### Movie review: I can only imagine

While on vacation last year, a couple recommended this movie. My wife reminded me about the movie when we arrived home so we watched it together after we got settled. This movie was very powerful. It is about the Christian Band Mercy Me's first hit record.

Usually Christian movies struggle in the acting department, but this movie does not. I don't want to spoil it but my favorite scene is close to the end. Highly recommended.



### Singapore

Li Hsia Tan

Our Alpha Introduction session was 22 February, initially the number of sign-ups was 15, however during the session a total of 25 participants turned up! More than what we have expected! Praise God.

In addition, many expressed interest to attend the next session as they found the video very interesting, and asked a lot of questions. This is a really exciting time for Singapore.

## Regional updates

### Northampton

Hilary Hodge

We started the New Year by changing the meeting time from Thursday lunchtimes to Monday afternoon tea time and adding the ability of dialling in for those who cannot attend in person. So far, this has worked well, and we have been blessed with 4 new members joining our sessions over the last few weeks which is a real answer to prayer.

We completed the last few sessions of the *Transforming Work* study in January and have chosen a new bible study booklet 'Growing Through Encouragement' by Roger Carswell and looking into Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, so we are taking lessons from those early Christians and how Paul encourages them to grow and bear fruit for the Lord.

Once a month we hold a prayer session, particularly praying for wisdom for the Barclays Leadership teams, for opportunities to spread his word, and bring the needs of individuals either at work or at home to the Lord.

Our Easter event is under preparation with an agreement from Facilities to run an Easter egg hunt with an Easter quiz twist around the ground floor. This promises to be a fun time for all and will bring our forum to the attention of more staff who may be interested in joining us.



### Radbroke

Paul McCabe

The Radbroke Fellowship held their *Annual Carol Service* on 10th December 2018. Approximately 40 colleagues attended and a great time was had by all. A Gospel message was delivered by the visiting Guest Speaker, Robin Gerrard, Pastor of Waverton Evangelical Fellowship, traditional Carols were sung and two Christmas story videos shown.

At the start of 2019 the fellowship has started a study series on the 7 "I AM" sayings of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospel of John. What has stood out in this series is how central and critical is the person of Jesus Christ and that there is no other way.

After this series we intend to look at "Jesus through the eyes of his disciples."



## Neil's Corner: Media Team update

Busy few months with 3 great events taking place. Barclays hosted the last 2 events of the 4 part series with RZIM on Jan 16 and Feb 6. It has been a great atmosphere (for all 4 events) and a real joy to work with such positive and encouraging group of brothers and sisters in Christ. We also had the first Breakfast meeting of the Year, this was with Nick Woods and Tim Main discussing their faith and their life and work.

Rui Teixeira Dias joined the good ship, Media Team, and worked with everyone on the Breakfast Meeting. Rui is a great addition to the team and brings his organisation skills and willingness to serve. Look out for updates from Rui in the future! We pray that God continues to give us favour as we work to manage upcoming events.

Neils Ribeiro | Remediation Customer Services



# Weekly activities in London ...

## Monday Praise and Worship

*Khoria Stewart*

- † The focus for Monday praise would be to “*enter into God’s gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise*” (Psalms 100:4)
- † Thus, leaders will facilitate a time of high praise, worship, testimonies and thanksgiving
- † Worship leader(s) are to open up in prayer and lead the people into a time of praise
- † Worship leader(s) should target to hand over to the facilitating lead to exhort and share the word by 12:45pm

For Monday’s Praise program, click [here](#)

## Wednesday Bible Breakfast Fellowship

*Evelyn Agbara*

Wednesday 08:15–08:45  
Room 14 | Level 10, 1CP

Starting the year off, we have spent Wednesday fellowships digging deeper into the endless blessing and rich wisdom of God that have been readily made available unto us through Christ and how to lay hold of these and appropriate them. We’ve had enriching discussions which have been food for thought and shared practical ways of sharing the gospel of your Lord Jesus with those in our sphere of contact. Each session is an energising start to the day and refresher to the week!

### BBF Format

- 1 min Opening prayer
- 20 min Devotional
- 8 min Prayer, testimonies
- 1 min Closing prayer

Follow the link to find out more [here](#)

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

*Hideyoshi Maeda*

The Tuesday Morning Bible study group will continue with our aims which are to:

Carefully read the Bible

Seek to faithfully listen to God through His Word (the Bible)

Respond in prayer

Encourage one another as Christians in the workplace

We are still studying the book of Ephesians as we gain a better understanding of God’s grand and exciting “*plan for the fullness of time, to unite all thing in him, things in heaven and things on earth*” Eph 1:10 (ESV). God’s plan has huge implications in our understanding of God for all Christians at Barclays. Therefore, our studies in this book of the bible help us understand how the original letter could be applied in our lives.

We are always looking for more people to hear God’s Word, so please join us.

Tuesday 08:00–08:45 | Multi-faith room | Level 1, 1CP

## Tuesday Bible Fellowship

*Ian Collyer*

Greetings from the Tuesday Bible Fellowship at 1CP! We are a friendly, enthusiastic and diverse group who seek to correctly handle the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). We are now approaching the end of our Q1 theme of ‘God in the Old Testament’, in which we have had lively and fruitful discussions about the lives of key figures such as Abraham, Moses and David through the lens of ‘What can we learn about the heart of God?’ Our remaining Old Testament studies are ‘The God of the Prophets’, ‘The Holy Spirit’ and ‘The Messiah’ before we embark on next quarter’s theme of ‘God in the New Testament’. Find out how you can join any of our fellowship and get added to our mailing list. Or just pop by, if you are in Canary Wharf and enjoy Bible studies with us!

alleluia!



Christ has Risen!

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. <sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

(John 11:25–26, NKJV)

## Thursday Praise & Thanksgiving

*Khoria Stewart*

- † The focus for Thursday Prayer, Praise and Thanksgiving is to lead people into a time of worship and encourage the sharing of testimonies and prayer requests
- † Thus leaders will facilitate a time of high praise, worship, testimonies and prayer requests
- † Worship leader(s) are to open up in prayer and lead the group into a time of worship and praise
- † Worship leader(s) should target to hand over to the facilitating lead to exhort and share the word by 12:45pm

See our program for Thursday’s Praise [here](#)

## Thursday Prayer

*Alexandra Rodrigues*

The Barclays Internal Audit Christian Forum is still every Thursday from 10:30 to 11:00. Anyone is welcome to join across Barclays, and welcome to send prayer requests. It’s all about support, love and prayer.

Please contact [Christian Forum](#) for any questions.

## 5NC Christian Fellowship

*Khalia Newell & Kristen Johnson-Boateng*

### Wednesday Bible Study

The fellowship at 5NC regularly runs the Bible Studies on Wednesdays. We have studied new topics through the second half of the year.

### Friday sessions

These sessions are a time of pleading with God both through personal meditation as well as sharing of prayer requests with one another; both internally and externally.

# Weekly London Schedule

Samuel Cole

	Time	Event	Site	Location
<b>Monday</b>	12:00 – 13:00	Praise (Music)	1 CP	Level 1 Multi Faith Room
	08:00 – 08:45	Bible Study	1 CP	Level 1, Multi Faith Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00 – 13:00	Bible Fellowship	1 CP	Level 1, Multi Faith Room
	12:30 – 13:00	Catholic Mass (Tues & Thurs)	1 CP (External)	Prayer Room in the basement of 1 Churchill Place (next to the car park, Canary Wharf) Contact: <a href="mailto:vladimirfelzmann@rcdow.org.uk">vladimirfelzmann@rcdow.org.uk</a>
	08.15 – 08.45	Bible Breakfast Fellowship UK Toll 020 3478 5289 UK Toll Free 0800 051 3810 Conference code: 958 068 296	1 CP	Level 10 Room 14
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 – 12:30	Bible Study	5NC	4th Floor, Multi Faith Room 2
	12:15 – 12:45	Lunchtime Talk	1 CP (External)	Idea Store, 1 Churchill Place
	13:15 – 13:45	Lunchtime Talk	External	<a href="http://St.Peter'sBarge.org">St. Peter's Barge</a> (West India Quay). <a href="mailto:info@stpetersbarge.org">info@stpetersbarge.org</a>
<b>Thursday</b>	10:30 – 11:00	BIA Christian Prayers Group	1 CP	Level 1, Multi Faith Room
	12:00 – 13:00	Prayer and Praise	1 CP	Level 1, Multi Faith Room
<b>Friday</b>	12:30 – 13:00	Prayer Meeting	5NC	4th floor, Multi-faith Room

## The Forum's 24/7 Virtual Prayer Room

### Prayer Points for Barclays

### 2019 Prayer Call

- For God's vision and purpose to be at the heart of all that happens within Barclays.
- For the Christian heritage of Barclays' Quaker founders to be strengthened and continue to bear fruit.
- For the Barclays values – respect, integrity, service, excellence, stewardship – to embody all we do.
- For God's peace and hope to saturate every workplace globally.
- For strength for those in stressful and demanding roles, particularly senior leaders carrying the weight of company direction and other strategic decisions.
- For the CEO and Chief Executive Committee to lead with courage and wisdom, and to be energised by their roles within Barclays.
- For the wellbeing, guidance and support for those in very senior roles so they do not carry the burden alone; for timely refreshing through leave and family support.
- For managers at every level to build, strengthen and support each team member effectively.
- For every colleague to feel valued and empowered, resulting in a 'can do' approach.
- For colleagues to take pride in their role in Barclays and seek to be the best they can be.
- For a healthy work/ life balance at every level; for greater awareness and use of dynamic working to restore and promote health and wellbeing. *Acts 17:28 "In him we live and move and have our being."*
- For strengthening of family relationships and quality time together.  
*Psalms 133 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Coming down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard, Coming down upon the edge of his robes. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing – life forever..."*
- For relationships across Barclays to be genuine, built on empathy and trust.  
*1 Peter 3:8 "Be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."*
- For colleagues to be solution-focussed and divinely inspired with innovative ideas. *Daniel 2.*
- For a smooth transition during the Structural Reform Programme (SRP) and the completion of BUK and BI business separation.
- For Barclays technology and risk management so that potential threats can be detected and averted.
- For perpetrators of financial crime using Barclays systems and accounts to be apprehended.
- For all stakeholder relationships to be built on integrity and respect.
- For Barclays to continue to impact positively on individuals and communities.
- For wisdom in decision making, particularly when on-boarding customers/clients, and developing new products.
- For an ethical approach to saturate all our market activities, and for God's blessing for doing things the right way.
- For an approach that is counter-cultural to 'city' business and puts the vulnerable and weak on our agenda for additional care and attention.
- For a genuinely customer-centric ethos across Barclays.
- For increasing commitment by colleagues to environmental concerns and other stewardship issues already being promoted by Barclays.
- For Barclays to be acclaimed in the media for our genuine desire and action to make a significant positive difference in every sphere in which we do business.
- For the legitimate desire to make a profit not to drive us to do things the wrong way.
- For the heart of every Christian in Barclays to be stirred up to serve and bless our colleagues with the grace and compassion we have experienced through Jesus.
- For the Barclays Christian Forum to nurture and strengthen each believer to be salt and light in their workplace.
- For restoration and revival of the global 'church' – God's family – across Barclays.
- For Barclays to flourish and prosper in a Godly way.

Sally Patmore



# Christian Forum Breakfast with Nick and Tim

## “Tell us Your Story”

On Valentine's day the Christian Forum had the privilege of hearing from two of Barclays' senior exec members.

Nick Woods (Managing Director, Head of Central Chief Controls Office) and Tim Main (Managing Director, Global Head of Financial Institutions Group) shared the challenges of living out their faith life in the work environment as well as their testimony and journey of faith.

### Key Points:



Tim grew up in a Christian family but had a competitive drive in his earlier work years and grew away from faith by being a “Master of the Universe” finance person.

Having a child prompted him to examine the impact that he had to his daughter. Tim shared how he has a dear friend who he prays together with every morning (for the last 8 years) with 100% transparency about their lives.

Tim quoted Col 3:23 “*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters*” with a

recent focus on the importance of the Sabbath and having rest and balance.

A key point Tim talked about was “am I doing what I am meant to be doing on the God scorecard every day or the worldly scorecard”

Nick then shared how he had a similar upbringing in that he grew up in a Catholic background and faith was always there, there was no “Damascus moment”. Through his early years and into university life, faith was there in the background, but came and went.

This became a bigger thing when preparing for marriage and getting more involved in the local Catholic Church. A similar key point Nick mentioned was “You don’t do this on your own”, the faith journey requires community.

In the work place, life was about balance; he was quietly Christian and people knew he was Christian. Becoming a Christian at work became a bigger deal when he was invited to join the Embrace ExCo a few years ago giving him more direct involvement in the Christian Forum.



In summary, a fun, edifying time was had, hearing from two role models and we look forward to more such events in the future.

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“What stood out to me the most was Tim’s importance of spending time with God before starting his day. I can only imagine his responsibilities and daily to-do list, and for him to ensure that he and his friend spend time with God before starting their hectic days, reminded me that you will always be busy but you create time for that which is of importance to you!” Another member said “The breakfast meeting was great, a real down to earth, frank Q&A with Nick and Tim. It was open, friendly and warm. Lots of encouraging thoughts and ideas to help with my walk.”

Breakfast Delegate

Links	Embrace forums and links	Recent CF events
<a href="#">Transform Work UK</a> <a href="#">Transform Work UK newsletter</a> <a href="#">St. Peter's Barge</a> <a href="#">Academy of Spiritual Leadership</a>	The Black Professionals Forum Asian Professionals Forum Muslim Forum Jewish Forum Culture Wizard	<div>             RZIM monthly talks  <i>October 2018 to February 2019</i> </div> <div>             Barclays Carol Service  <i>December 2018</i> </div> <div>             Kingdom Synthesis Working Group  <i>December 2018</i> </div> <div>             The City lights are on conference  <i>October 2018</i> </div>
Khoria Stewart	Khoria Stewart	Khoria Stewart

Upcoming events

Easter event

Date to be announced

<sup>2</sup> But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. <sup>3</sup> Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.  
 (Luke 24:2-3, NKJV)

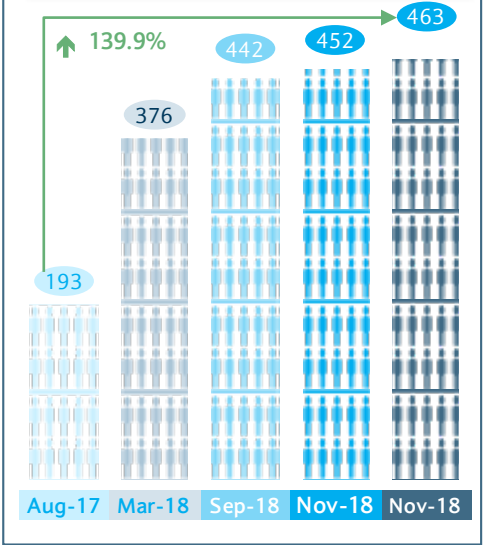


Coming in Q2

We're planning an exciting event with Black Professionals Forum in Q2 2019.

Look out for more details.

Attendance Stats



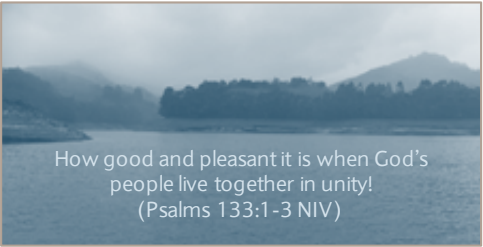
Join the Team

**Volunteers**  
 The Christian Forum Steering Committee is looking for volunteers.  
 Contact the team at [Christians@barclays.com](mailto:Christians@barclays.com) if you are interested.  
*Please remember to share this with your colleagues.*

**Save the date**  
 Contact us for the [Christian Forum Calendar](#) giving details of events and workplace fellowships near you.

**Join us**  
 If you wish to sign up to our mailing list or unsubscribe please do so [here](#)

Samuel Cole



How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!  
 (Psalms 133:1-3 NIV)

