

## **Hoi Andrew!: Ecclesiology**

Jesus: Hoi Andrew!

Andrew: Hi Jesus, just back from a wee trip back to the homeland.

Jesus: The homeland?

Andrew: Aye, I have roots in Bonnie Scotland, you know!

Jesus: And what's the news from your homeland, Andrew? Is the Good News flourishing?

Andrew: Well, em...not really. That's why I was back, I went on one of those clergy courses to see into the future. My maw told me it was on, so it was a wee chance to catch up with the family too.

Jesus: Nice. Family are important, Andrew. And tell me, what was the title of your course?

Andrew: Em...I wrote it down somewhere...(searches his pockets)...oh, here it is... "The challenge of building Church in a post-Christendom context".

Jesus: Well, it's good to know someone is planning for when I'm not around!

Andrew: Aye, we were looking at, em...(looks at his notes)... "how our ecclesiology might be reframed"! (has trouble saying the word ecclesiology)

Jesus: Wow! And how are you reframing your ecclesiology?

Andrew: To be honest, Jesus, the only thing I've ever reframed was that lovely picture my Dad took of the Waverley coming into the harbour at Millport?

Jesus: Millport?

Andrew: Lovely wee place, Jesus, you'd love it! Cracking site for a wee mission on the sunny seashore there!

Jesus: So you were saying?...About your ecclesiology?

Andrew: Jesus, you know fine I haven't a clue what that word means, it doesn't even come up in predictive text on my mobile!

Jesus: I think it might have something to do with a study of the Church, its nature and purpose.

Andrew: It might very well be, Jesus, but you know I kinda switched off a bit during the lecture and kept dreamin of the haggis, neeps and tatties my maw was cooking up for dinner that night. And it was so embarrassing, there was me dreamin of my dinner when the guy asked me a question.

Jesus: And what did he ask you?

Andrew: He asked me how my Church was changing?

Jesus: And you said?

Andrew: I said it was changing all the time! I told him I was just following you around the place, never knowing where we're going next, never knowing who we're going to rub up the wrong way, never knowing quite what's round the corner!

Jesus: Quite a remarkable ecclesiology, Andrew!

Andrew: Aye, that's what the guy said too! Then I felt a bit stupid when I heard the next chap's answer.

Jesus: And what was that?

Andrew: Well, he said: "My Church is considering our relationship to Jesus, combined with our outlook on polity, discipline, destiny and leadership, and reframing our internal forms of constitution and discipline."

Jesus: Cracking answer. He's been giving it some thought.

Andrew: Over my head, Jesus!

Jesus: I know, Andrew. Bless you, but not everyone's as simple as you are, there is always room for the brain to expand on such matters!

Andrew: Aye, I suppose so, Jesus, but when I said to my Maw and her pal Mrs McGlumphie who had popped in for a blether, about what the man had said, they just said he was talking a load of...

Jesus: I can imagine what they might have said, Andrew! But you must allow people to stretch their intellect!

Andrew: They can stretch it all they like, Jesus, but I notice you never talk about reframing your ecclesiology! Why don't you tell the Pharisees to go and reframe their ecclesiology, that would pop their peeper!

Jesus: Andrew, they're not getting it with the simple things, so I don't hold out much hope for any reframing of their ecclesiology!

Andrew: Ah ken, Jesus. So how are we going to reframe our ecclesiology?

Jesus: Maybe even build the Church?

Andrew: Now you're talking my language, Jesus!

Jesus: Ah ken, Andrew!

Andrew: You should come to Scotland one day, Jesus, you'd fit right in?

Jesus: You reckon?

Andrew: And we sure could do with you reframing our ecclesiology!

Jesus: Andrew...geeza a break!

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