

North Shore Alliance Church
Rios – Short Biography

Dr Jeremy Rios is a native of the American Midwest—that means he loves beef sandwiches, deep dish pizza, and Chicago-style hotdogs. He studied Greek and Latin at Wheaton College (IL), where, more importantly, he met his wife, Liesel (who studied Art). In 2005 they moved to Vancouver so that Jeremy could pursue an MDiv at Regent College. After completing that degree, from 2008-2013 Jeremy served as pastor at New Hope Alliance Church in Surrey, BC. Then, from 2013-2016 as Lead English Pastor at Burnaby Alliance Church. Those twelve years transplanted to Canada taught him to love sushi, pho, Pakistani food, and a wide range of Chinese cuisines.

Together, Liesel and Jeremy have four children that they homeschool—Moses (12), Cates (9), Asa (7), and Lucy (4). Lucy (the caboose) was born in Dundee, Scotland, because in 2017 the family had moved to St Andrews where Jeremy completed a PhD in Analytic and Exegetical Theology at the University of St Andrews. His project focused on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Charles Williams and how they think about the nature of the person as more communal than individualistic—a concept called the “collective-person.” In Scotland, Jeremy honed his taste for fish and chips, custard cremes, and cask ales.

About a year ago, in prayer at their church in Scotland, Jeremy and Liesel felt led to a series of words as they prayed about their next steps. The Lord seemed to say, “Urban,” “Coastal,” “Post-Christian,” and “Multicultural”—these four words have guided their search for a church home over the past year. They are excited to see what the Lord has in store for them next!

Dr Rios has written or co-authored five books. He blogs (semi-) regularly at jmichaelrios.wordpress.com. The following list is a sampling of sermons and blog posts:

Sermon (full video in front of a congregation): “The Good News of the Trinity” ~ John 20:26-29
<https://firstleesburg.org/media/92zqxd8/the-good-news-of-the-trinity> (Sermon starts at about 20:18)

Sermon (podcast only): “Four Words for God’s People” ~ John 9:35-10:21 (Some reflections on how we hear God’s voice today)
<https://www.kingdomvineyard.com/podcast?offset=1524408300094&author=5f2968c00fa4fd03a09e748a>

Blog Post: “Spiritual Abuse”
<https://jmichaelrios.wordpress.com/2021/06/21/spiritual-abuse/>

Blog Post: “Five Types of Listening”
<https://jmichaelrios.wordpress.com/2018/11/09/five-types-of-listening/>

Blog Post: “Effective Prayer for the Healing of the Emotionally Sick”
<https://jmichaelrios.wordpress.com/2016/06/02/effective-prayer-for-healing-of-the-emotionally-sick/>

Blog Post: “The Gospel Seven Ways (Or, What is the Gospel?)”

<https://jichaelrios.wordpress.com/2021/05/03/the-gospel-seven-ways-or-what-is-the-gospel/>