



Barking Dogs

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ABOUT THE BOOK

If the postman stopped at every barking dog, then the mail would never get delivered. We would never receive the letters, parcels and gifts that are sent to us, and delivered by the postman, if the postman didn't find a way to get around the barking dogs. As Christians we believe we carry the greatest message the world has ever been given ... the gospel! God has given his letter, his gift to every Christian but we so often let the barking dogs of our lives stop us delivering them.

Have you been hurt in church? Have you had a broken marriage? Been bankrupt? Struggle with your self-image or depression? Are you struggling with being single? Or simply made too many mistakes? All these dogs can stop us giving away freely the great love that we have received. *Barking Dogs* is full of Andy's experiences in trying to take the gospel into the places where it is desperately needed yet hardest to find. His hope is that you too will be encouraged and inspired to take the Gospel into the dark places, into the ordinary places and be amazed at what God can do through you.



BIO

Andy Rushworth is never more alive than when creatively sharing the gospel to one or 1,000. In his mid-teens he was in and out of juvenile court, but he truly fell in love with Jesus when he was 18. At the age of 22 he went to Bible college and became an AOG minister, working as a youth pastor and a mission director. He served on staff in an AOG church in South Carolina for a couple of years but has now lived in Sheffield for over 14 years. Currently he is part of the staff team at St Thomas Church, Sheffield (STC) where he teaches at the STC College and runs a ministry called 'Make Your City Shine', an arts-based ministry to secondary schools where they use the gospel to raise young people's aspirations for life.

Andy is married to Sharron and they have three children.



ENDORSEMENTS

'If you're willing to be shaken, the contents of this book will move you beyond your comfort zone and cause you to see the world with new eyes. Because, where others see the disaffected and uncivilised, Andy Rushworth sees an army of disciples. His foresight and faith always cause my heart to open a little wider.'

Philippa Hanna, International Recording Artist

'This book will get you even if you thought it wouldn't. It's not anti-church, it's just not fond of religion. And it's not anti-rebel, it's just not fond of you staying that way forever. And nor are you. Everyone wants to change for the better. Yet sometimes you just need an Andy to tug at you like your pet terrier and lead you to a different way of thinking and help you re-open your childish wells of believing. He actually believes in you. And really believes in a new you, a fresh you and a better you. *Barking Dogs* may make you a believer in them as well.'

Dave Gilpin, Pastor, Hope City Church, Sheffield, UK

'*Barking Dogs* is a great read; you can hear Andy's voice on every page – chapter 8 is both hilarious and inspiring! God is speaking through this book, and I pray that as you read it, he will speak to you.'

Revd Canon Mick Woodhead, Team Rector, STC Sheffield, UK

KEY SELLING POINTS:

Author is on the cutting edge of evangelism.
Full of hilarious personal anecdotes from the author's own experience.
Challenges us to go beyond our comfort zone when it comes to sharing our faith.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Christians who want to share their faith but find it hard work.
Evangelists who want to encourage more outreach within their churches.
Leaders who want to see their church ministry expand into the more unreached parts of their community.

MARKETING AND PROMOTION:

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