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A Workshop by Mike Graves, PhD

“It is the Hebraic intuition that God is capable of all
speech acts except that of monologue.”

—George Steiner

Dialogue in Scripture

Genesis 1:3 “Let there be...”

Genesis 3:9 “Where are you?”

Mark 10:51 “What do you want me to do for you?”

Three Types of Dialogue

Literal (trends in 60s & 70s; Emergent Church trends today)

Internal (inductive and narrative forms of preaching)

Deep (issues of ultimate concern)

The Irony of Dialogical Trends

More talk, less substance!

Deep Dialogue

Personal

Global

Literal Dialogue

Trends in the 60s and 70s

Trends in the Emergent Church

Dialogue and Triangulation

Matthew 15—Jesus and the Canaanite woman

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