

S2 Breakouts

Wednesday 11:00AM

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CHURCH PLANTING | HUT 2 | NOLAN TJADEN

Church Planting

A lot of guys start with fire in their bones but no framework to build on. They've got the burden, but not the blueprint. How do you actually gain traction—reach lost people, build real momentum to launch strong? Passion alone won't plant a church that lasts. In this session, we'll walk through proven playbooks for vision, funding, marketing, and team-building—all designed to help you launch large. We'll finish with raw Q&A to hit some tactics that work in the trenches.

GUEST SERVICES | B9 | STACY PHILPOTT & MELISSA WIDMER

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LEADERSHIP | B10 | CAL JERNIGAN

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LEADERSHIP | B5 & 6 | LINN WINTERS

Simple Church Simply Isn't Working

Church started chasing a small group only model about 40 years ago. Starting 30 years ago, we started identifying that spiritual maturity was on the decline. Today we're still doing the same thing and serious spiritual maturity is almost non-existent in our churches. When do we wake up and start doing something different?

LEADERSHIP | HUT 6 | ROBIN WOOD

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LEADERSHIP | B1 | THOMAS LENGYEL

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LEADERSHIP | B7 | TONI COLLIER

Stop Hiding, Start Healing

In this breakout session, author and founder of Broken Crayons Still Color, Toni Collier, will share how true healing happens not in isolation, but in community. Through personal stories and Biblical truth, Toni will show leaders how to build authentic relationships that create space for vulnerability, restoration, and hope - because the way forward is with God and His people.

PASTOR'S WIVES | B3 | LISA WINTERS

Pastor's Wife Survival Guide

Pastors wives live with extra expectations, be spiritual, forgive people who hurt your family, the congregation constantly evaluating your kids, and friends who backstab and betray. This breakout will give you the tools to not only survive but thrive as a pastor's wife.

TEACHING | B8 | CHRIS HILKEN

Teaching the Bible to a Biblically Illiterate Generation

It's hard to think of a more exciting time to teach the Bible! We will cover some principles and tools for sermon planning and delivery that will enable us to effectively reach the long term and brand new follower of Jesus.

VOLUNTEERS | Hut 7 | JON KRAGEL

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CONVERGE | B2 | BRUCE HOPLER & DR. HENDERSON

Who Is Converge

Whether you're leading a thriving ministry, in the trenches looking for new support or considering church planting in the future, you shouldn't be in it alone. Converge is a network of churches who work together to start and strengthen ministries across the street and around the world. We help train, equip, assess and empower leaders through gatherings, relationships, conferences, training events, video, and more. Learn more about the history, mission, and vision of Converge and why we exist.

YOUTH PANEL | Hut 8 | TJ McCONAHAY

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S2 Lunch & Learns

Wednesday 12:00PM
(Grab your lunch first then head to Adventure Port)

VESSELS | HUT 4 | JANNA WIDDIFIELD

Fostering Faith & Connection Across Generations

Learn practical strategies for fostering meaningful relationships across generations and creating an authentic culture where everyone feels seen, loved, and valued. Discover how a VESSELS club will re-engage older generations of women at your church, while introducing tween girls to the Bible, the Gospel, and the truth of their identity in Christ. Beyond discipling girls, VESSELS uniquely engages and encourages women of all ages to grow in their faith with this powerful message: each of us has a unique purpose and place in God's story.

WIF | HUT 2 | KIRK TATE

Funding Your Vision for Kingdom Growth

Discover practical strategies & proven financial tools to help churches expand their reach & impact. In this session, leaders from the Wesleyan Investment Foundation will share how to align faith, stewardship & financial planning to fund God-sized visions and sustain longterm Kingdom growth.

VISITOR REACH | HUT 6 | MARC ESTES

ENGAGE NOW: AI, Outreach and the Future of Evangelism

The world has shifted — and so must our methods of evangelism. In this powerful session, Marc Estes explores how AI, digital outreach, and a changing culture are redefining the way people connect with faith. Discover how your church can stay effective, relevant, and relational in this new digital mission field.

GOFF COMPANIES | HUT 3 | TANNER GOFF & TEAM

Leading Your Church Through A Building Project

The prospect of leading a church through a building project can seem daunting. This session presents a template to assist Senior Church Leaders to guide their congregations through expanding, remodeling, or relocating facilities. Simply finding property and hiring an architect leaves too many decisions to someone with limited knowledge of your church and ignores crucial parts of the process such as congregational buy-in, church governance, staff oversight and funding strategy.

THE TIMOTHY INITIATIVE | HUT 6 | SCOTT RIDOUT

Introduction to The Timothy Initiative

Get acquainted with the discipleship and church planting multiplication methods of TTI. Hear about the advance of the gospel in places where it's never been and the goal of having a church in every village everywhere.

GUIDESTONE | Hut 8 | CURTIS FARMER

The Converge Retirement Plan Update

The Converge Retirement Plan has provided retirement benefits to Converge employees since 1967. In this Lunch and Learn, you will hear about recent important updates to the retirement plan, learn how the plan can benefit your ministry staff, and how your church can start saving if you have never participated before.

ADVENTURE PORT DEMONSTRATION | THE LAB AUDITORIUM | CORNERSTONE CHILDREN'S TEAM

Adventure Port Demonstration

The Adventure Port demonstration is a live, immersive storytelling experience featuring the Jumpers, Mango, and the whole Adventure Port gang as they take kids on an unforgettable journey of faith and imagination. Participants will see how Adventure Port brings biblical truths to life through engaging characters, captivating visuals, and hands-on storytelling that inspires kids to live out their faith with courage, curiosity, and joy.

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CHILDREN'S | ROOM TBD | JUSTYN SMITH

10 Principles for Immersive Children's Ministry

A practical workshop designed to equip leaders with proven strategies for creating environments where kids are engaged, discipled, and inspired. Through ten core principles, participants will discover how to combine wonder, intentionality, and spiritual formation to transform the way children experience church.

CHURCH GROWTH | ROOM TBD | NOLAN TJADEN

You Can't Grow Your Church in 3 Easy Steps

Every church leader wants the formula—plug in the steps—and boom, growth. Except it doesn't work like that. Our story proves it. We've made insane mistakes, preached unpopular truth, and God still moved. Why? Because you can't manufacture revival—you can only plant seeds. In this session we'll walk through the seeds that actually grow churches: reaching men, reaching the lost, life change, prayer, grit, and raw Bible teaching. We'll talk about how to sow faithfully for the harvest He alone can produce.

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Successful Successions; When It's Time to Pass the Baton

Relay races are won or lost in the handoff of the baton. When a church transitions their Lead Pastor, a hand off is occurring that has far more at stake than any race. What makes for healthy transitions and what tends to sabotage them? This seminar will discuss the when, the who, and the how.

LEADERSHIP | ROOM TBD | CHRIS HILKEN

Building a Healthy and Fun Staff Culture

Culture eats vision for breakfast. We may have so many ideas that the Lord has given us for our churches. Those ideas only work if we are able to create cultures of excellence and health that can attract and keep game changing leaders. Let's talk best practices to do just that!

LEADERSHIP | ROOM TBD | LINN WINTERS

Growth to 1,000

What works at 250 has no potential to grow you past 250 and what works at 500 can't grow you to 800. Come learn the adjustment we all need to make to reach 1,000.

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PRODUCTION & WORSHIP | ROOM TBD | DAVID PRICE

Backstage Access + Expert Coaching

Join us for a backstage tour of S2, 1:1 time with executives, specialist coaching in production, worship, and creative arts, plus a live Q&A to get your questions answered

STAFFING | ROOM TBD | CHARLIE LANE

How to Hire for Your Church in 2025

Ever wondered what the best recruiters know that you don't? This is your chance to pull back the curtain. Join representatives from three of the most influential search firms serving churches today—Slingshot, Group ONE39, and CreativeStaffing.Church—for an inside look at what's working (and what's not) in church staffing right now. In this session, they'll share the key lessons, hiring trends, and practical strategies they've learned along the way.

TEACHING | ROOM TBD | JOSEPH SOJOURNER

The Infinite Stage: Becoming a Speaker Who Never Stops Growing

Public speaking isn't about reaching a finish line it's about stepping onto an infinite stage where growth never ends. In this workshop, you'll learn how to continuously refine your voice, embrace mistakes as opportunities, and grow more confident and authentic with every talk. Whether you're presenting in a boardroom, on a podcast, or from a stage, you'll walk away with practical tools to keep evolving and inspiring audiences every time you speak.

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YOUTH | ROOM TBD | TJ McCONAHAY

The Best Way to do Youth Ministry

In today's world, youth pastors often face the tug-of-war between sports, extracurriculars, and church involvement. But what if the solution isn't compromise—it's calling students to something higher? In this breakout session, discover how a "varsity level discipleship" approach can transform your youth ministry.

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GUEST SERVICES | ROOM TBD | CHRIS ORVIS & MARSHA WARNER

Backstage Pass Tour of Cornerstone Church

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Navigating Moral Failure on Our Teams

Moral failure is one of the most painful realities in ministry leadership, but it doesn't have to leave a church paralyzed. Together we'll walk through a clear, redemptive game plan for responding to crisis—providing stability, direction, and hope—so that your team is prepared to face hard seasons with wisdom and grace.