

SEMINARS

SATURDAY, 17TH

09:00 - 10:20

TOM GRIFFIN

SPEAKING THE BIBLE

CONVERTING FLAT TEXT INTO A SPOKEN MESSAGE REQUIRES ATTENTION TO CONTEXT, RELATIONSHIP, AND INTENTION. EVERY NUANCE MATTERS WHEN WE COMMUNICATE AND THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE WITH THE BIBLE. THIS WORKSHOP PROVIDES A PROCESS FOR SPEAKING THE BIBLE IN A WAY THAT IS AUTHENTIC AND ACCURATE.

JOHN HUGH TATE

GROUP CREATION

HOW CAN WE CREATE HEALTHY GROUPS? WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GATHER PEOPLE? THIS CAN BE FOR A NEW GROUP WITHIN THE CHURCH, OR EVEN FOR A CORE GROUP OF A NEW CHURCH PLANT. GATHERING IS OFTEN AN OVERLOOKED GIFT THAT IS NECESSARY FOR STARTING, FACILITATING, AND DISCERNING THE NURTURING OF NEW GROUPS.

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STEPHEN CAMPBELL

GETTING DIRECTIONS FROM PSALM 77 ON THE ROAD TO RECONSTRUCTION

PSALM 77 SHOWS US WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN A MAN HITS A WALL OF CONFUSION, FEAR, AND DOUBT—YET REFUSES TO STAY THERE. IN THIS SESSION, WE WILL DISCOVER HOW ASAPH'S HONEST WRESTLING BECOMES A ROADMAP FOR REBUILDING A RESILIENT, GOD-ANCHORED FAITH. ASAPH SHOWS US THAT A STRONG FAITH, A FAITH THAT HAS SURVIVED THE FIRE OF TRIALS AND CHALLENGES IN THIS BROKEN WORLD, IS A FAITH THAT SEES GOD AT WORK IN THE WORLD THROUGHOUT REDEMPTION HISTORY.

DAVID MACDONALD

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF HABITUAL SIN: IS THERE ANY HOPE?

FOR MANY BELIEVERS TRAPPED IN THE CYCLE OF HABITUAL SIN, THERE IS OFTEN A SENSE OF DESPAIR. HABITUAL SIN CAN BE DESCRIBED AS “A CONDITION CHARACTERIZED BY A COMPULSIVE REPETITIVE DESIRE TO USE A SUBSTANCE OR ENGAGE IN BEHAVIOUR, THAT DRAWS ME AWAY FROM GOD, RESULTS IN MORAL COMPROMISE OR FAILURE, BRINGING ON GUILT AND SHAME, AND IF NOT CHECKED, A BREAK DOWN IN SPIRITUAL, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH, OFTEN DESTROYING RELATIONSHIPS AND HURTING THOSE WE LOVE.” HOW DO I BREAK FREE? OR HOW CAN I HELP A FRIEND BREAK FREE? OUR LORD GRACIOUSLY OFFERS A WAY OUT. COME DISCOVER HOW THE CYCLE OF HABITUAL SIN CAN BE BROKEN.

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PANEL DISCUSSION MODERATED BY JOHN HUGH TATE

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

THIS IS A GREAT QUESTION FOR ALL OF US IN OUR WALK WITH CHRIST, WHETHER WE BE LAY CHURCH LEADERS, PASTORS, OR LEADERS OF OUR OWN FAMILIES. HOW CAN WE RECOGNIZE PIVOT POINTS IN OUR FAMILIES AND / OR CHURCHES? DO WE HAVE THE HONEST SELF-REFLECTION TO SEE WHAT ARE THE NEXT BEST STEPS TO TAKE IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES? THIS PANEL AIMS TO HELP US DISCOVER THEM.

KEITH LATEGAN

GOD'S CONSTRUCTION ZONE: TURNING FAULTS & FAILURES INTO LEADERSHIP STRENGTH

EVERY LEADER HAS A STORY MARKED BY SETBACKS, MISTAKES, AND MOMENTS OF COLLAPSE. BUT IN GOD'S HANDS, THESE ARE NOT THE END—THEY MAY BE THE BEGINNING OF TRANSFORMATION. IN GOD'S CONSTRUCTION ZONE, WE EXPLORE HOW GOD USED THE BROKEN PIECES OF ABRAHAM, DAVID, AND PETER TO BUILD THEM INTO FATHERS OF FAITH AND THE GREAT LEADERS WE'VE SEEN THEM TO BECOME. IF YOU'VE EVER FELT UNQUALIFIED, UNWORTHY, OR UNFINISHED, THIS WORKSHOP WILL REMIND YOU THAT GOD IS STILL BUILDING. CONSTRUCTION ZONES ARE MESSY, BUT THEY PRODUCE MAGNIFICENT BUILDINGS.

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HERMAN SWART

WORK-MINISTRY BALANCE: HOW TO LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL AS A FULL-TIME BELIEVER

“I’M NOT IN FULL-TIME MINISTRY, AND BETWEEN WORK AND FAMILY, I’VE GOT NOTHING LEFT. HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF THE GREAT COMMISSION? IS THERE REALLY EVEN A PLACE FOR ME IN GOD’S KINGDOM WORK?” THIS WORKSHOP TAKES THOSE HONEST QUESTIONS SERIOUSLY. TOGETHER, WE’LL EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL RIGHT WHERE GOD HAS PLACED US IN OUR WORKPLACES AND COMMUNITIES. AS ONE EXAMPLE, WE’LL LOOK AT THE REFUGEE OASIS MINISTRY MODEL, WHERE ORDINARY BELIEVERS CAN TAKE PART IN THE GREAT COMMISSION IN PRACTICAL, POWERFUL WAYS.

MARK JOHN BENNETT

FIRM FOUNDATIONS: RECONSTRUCTING WITH CHRIST OUR ROCK

SOMETIMES LIFE BRINGS STORMS, AND THE STRUCTURE OF OUR LIFE BECOMES DAMAGED. WHEN, NOT IF, THIS HAPPENS, WHAT CAN WE DO? PARTNER WITH GOD AND SON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO RE-MODEL. WITH JESUS AS OUR CORNERSTONE, WE ARE ABLE TO STRIP OFF THE OLD, AND PUT ON THE NEW (COLOSSIANS 3). IN THIS SEMINAR WE WILL EXPLORE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES IN LIFE THAT CAUSE US TO STOP AND REMODEL. THEN, WITH A BLUEPRINT OF THE WORD AND THE MASTER-BUILDER AS FOREMAN, WE CAN COOPERATE WITH JESUS TO SEE OUR LIFE RE-CONSTRUCTED.