

2020 LIFE Conference Workshop Descriptions

“CULTIVATE”

Main Stage 8:50 - 11:15

1) **Challenges and Opportunities for the Church Today: Dr. Eddie Moody**

2) **I’m Busy – But Here’s How To Fit God Moments Into My Schedule: Dr. Ron Hunter**

People have more on their plate than ever, and busyness has become the norm. Come learn how to help families fit faith conversations into daily life. No need to add anything to your calendar, just see how natural conversations connect to the pain points of life. See how dinner, car rides, bedtime, and even church conversations can genuinely connect.

3) **Family-as-Church, Church-as-Family: Dr. Timothy Paul Jones**

There are two essential dynamics in family ministry: church as family and family as church. Unless you pursue both dynamics in your congregation, your family ministry will be imbalanced and unhealthy. This session will prepare you to pursue healthy and balanced family ministry in your church.

4) **Understanding the Biblical Role of Grandparents: Dr. Josh Mulvihill**

What is the biblical role of a grandparent? Every grandparent is given a God-ordained role that is not interchangeable with any other member of the family. Come to this seminar to gain a laser-like focus on what a grandparent’s role is as well as learn the responsibilities grandparents are given by God from the Bible. If you are not a grandparent, this seminar will prove valuable as it will help you understand your parent’s role with your children. If you are a pastor, this seminar will equip you to provide a clear and compelling vision to share with grandparents in your context. This seminar is based on Josh’s PhD research and multiple books on grandparenting.

Session One 11:35 – 12:20 Workshops

1) **The Four Cs Of Parenting: Launching Your Kids Into Adulthood: Dr. Ron Hunter**

Most parents get stuck in one of the four Cs of parenting: Caregiver, Cop, Coach, or Consultant. The child needs intentionality from each phase but typically the parent fails to transition to the next season of parenting. Dr. Hunter explains each phase and then spends time with stories and visuals to help you remember what to do and why.

2) **Disappointment, Discouragement and Depression in the Ministry : Dr. Eddie Moody**

It is easy to become disappointed in the ministry. In this seminar we will look at the nature of disappointment, discouragement, and depression in the ministry. Coping mechanisms will be discussed as well as actions pastors can take to become more resilient.

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3) **Partnering with Parents to Equip their Students to Keep their Faith: Dr. Timothy Paul Jones**

What can you do to keep students in the faith? First and foremost, don’t try to do it alone! You need to partner with parents to provide a plan to keep students in the faith. That’s what this session equips you to do.

SESSION ONE CONTINUED

4) **5 Characteristics of Biblical Discipline: Dr. Josh Mulvihill**

Discipline is a key component of discipleship and the problem solving side of parenting that recognizes something is wrong in the heart of the child. In this session we will explore five characteristics of biblical discipline that will help parents evaluate their methods and equip them to respond effectively to the attitudes, actions, thoughts, and motives that do not align with the character of Christ.

5) **Cultivate with Arthur Flake: Mr. Phil Brown**

Celebrate the 100 year anniversary of The Flake Formula by applying and combining old ideas in new ways. Looking deeper at this proven growth system and sifting through our experiences for useful resources. Combining what we already know, as well as new ideas to encourage our Sunday Bible School growth.

6) **Overcoming Inertia in the Church: Why Don't They Understand What I am Saying?: Rev. Al Warrick (2sessions)**

These workshops will help everyone understand the effect of different personalities on our ability to communicate. It will not only allow you to understand your own personality style; but, also how to better communicate with personalities they may be diametrically different from your own. Better communication can help to overcome inertia in our churches. Understanding what others need when we communicate will allow us to project our vision more effectively and efficiently. **The workshop will take two sessions and is limited to thirty people.** The first session will consist of learning about our social personality and how we differ from others. The second session will discuss specifics of communicating with different personality styles.

7) **Maturing and Multiplying Disciples: Dr. Brad Williamson (this workshop will be repeated all three sessions)**

So a person has made a decision for Christ; now what? What is a church and the believers that make up a church supposed to do after a person comes to Christ? The aim of this workshop is to help participants understand what the Bible says about our role in maturing and multiplying disciples; in other words fulfill the Great Commission. Participants will learn about current trends and practical ways to help in the disciple making mission of the church.

8) **Made for More. (This workshop is taken from the 2019 Exponential Conference.): Dr. Frankie Baggett**

Every believer and every church was "made for more". We are all made to help build the Kingdom of God and make a difference in the world. This workshop will show how one moves toward creating a healthy culture in their church where every Christian is mobilized to make disciples where they live, work, learn and play. We will discover ways to empower all believers to discover their personal calling and then send them out in the world to reach every corner of culture and every sphere of society with the gospel of Jesus.

9) **VBS Preview by Group Publishing**

This workshop will give a hands on preview of Group's 2020 VBS "Rocky Railroad" as well as "Wilderness"

Session Two 1:10 – 1:55 Workshops

1) **Planning for X: Intentional discipleship with a backward planning model: Dr. Ron Hunter**

Dr. Hunter, a former infantry officer, shows how little green army men teach us the backward planning steps to help our kids face the battles of life. The session starts with a game, then through storytelling and biblical understanding shows God's heartbeat for discipleship in kids. However, teaching kids becomes the role of all generations, not just the children's pastor and this session gives ideas for involving more volunteers in your ministry.

2) **Too Much To Do and Too Little Time in the Ministry: Dr. Eddie Moody**

In this workshop we will look at the critical tasks that pastors have to do. Too often we feel overwhelmed and as if we are running in place. How can we be more effective and faithful to the call God has given to us.

SESSION TWO CONTINUED

3) **The Story of Student Ministry in Five Sketches: Dr. Timothy Paul Jones**

It's difficult to know what to do in the future if you don't know what happened in the past. And so, if you serve in youth ministry, it's important to know why and how youth ministry began. How did youth ministry become the way it is? And where is youth ministry headed in the future? After this session, you will have a renewed vision for your student ministry that will open the door to a new and better future for your church.

4) **How to Help a Child Develop a Biblical Worldview: Dr. Josh Mulvihill**

Learn what worldview is, why it matters and how to help you're a child develop a biblical worldview by teaching four foundational biblical truths. Participants will learn to identify strong cultural messages that threaten to distort and destroy faith in Christ. This seminar will help you gain confidence and equip you to have intentional conversations so that your children develop deep, lasting, and culture transforming faith. This seminar is based on Josh's book *Biblical Worldview*.

5) **Assimilate with Arthur Flake: Mr. Phil Brown**

The 100 year ole' 5-step Flake Formula actually works. But we can talk forever without actually applying anything. Not to be just 'hearers' but 'doers'.. when goals and dates are setup..we feel the need to find an answer. Our minds are more open to new ways of looking at how to grow Sunday Bible School...*or the reality of dying ministries.*

6) **Overcoming Inertia in the Church: Why Don't They Understand What I am Saying?: Mr. Al Warrick** **Part 2** See Workshop Description in Session One Workshops (#6)

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9) **Why can't we ask those questions: Group Representative**

Session Three 2:05 – 2:50 Workshops

1) **Developing Meaningful and Influential Conversations with Your Kids: Dr. Ron Hunter**

The single biggest missing element in discipleship today is the heartfelt conversations between parents and kids. As Ministry leaders, you must equip parents to have a substantive dialogue. Parents of preschoolers and early elementary age have no problems talk to the curious tiny humans God gave them, but as those teenage years, approach conversations become strained. This session will identify seven barriers in communication and provide a meaningful conversation formula that is not only easy but memorable. Parents cannot disciple kids without a relationship, and relationship cannot occur without meaningful conversation.

2) **First Aid for Depression: Dr. Eddie Moody**

What are the symptoms and causes of depression? How can depression be treated? What does the Bible say about depression? In this workshop participants will learn about the specific actions they can take to help themselves and individuals others who struggle with depression.

SESSION THREE CONTINUED

3) **Training Your Students to Trust the Bible: Dr. Timothy Paul Jones**

“Why should I trust the Bible?” Most college students who grew up in the church are not prepared to answer this question. And yet, it’s a question they will most likely face when someone challenges what they believe. This session provides you with all the tools you need to quip children and students to say why the Bible can be trusted.

4) **How to Talk With Children About God's Design for Marriage: Dr. Josh Mulvihill**

Do you want to help your grandchildren embrace a biblical view of marriage? This seminar is based on Josh’s book *Preparing Children for Marriage*. American culture communicates powerful messages about dating and marriage, and young people without strong consistent biblical teaching and godly example are likely to be influenced toward non-biblical lifestyles. In this seminar, you will be equipped to teach your grandchildren key biblical truths about marriage. You will walk away with a Bible study and discussion questions to guide conversation with grandchildren.

5) **Replicate with Arthur Flake: Mr. Phil Brown**

The 5-step Flake Formula includes ‘the legacy’ approach. To have a successful SBS ministry is something to be desired...but it is also one of the greatest risks in a growing process. Change shouldn’t always cause us to fear, it could lead to significant improvement. To ‘continue’ growth means replicating opportunities to regularly ‘move and change’ within our successful method.

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7) **Am I Just a Number?: Reverend Tim Heath**

This workshop will explore how we serve Christ through the church. Are we part of the growing church or just hanging around? We will look at Six traits we all can apply to help us engage in the membership of the local Church. The material covered is adopted from Thom Rainer’s book “I Will”.

8) **Faith Equals Relationships: Group Publication’s Rep**

We will close out our day in the auditorium with praise music, great prize giveaways and some very important brief “take aways” from our main stage presenters. We will dismiss at 3:45. Please make plans to stay for the closing. You won’t want to miss it.

- **The Reverend Jonathan Whitford will be providing workshop sessions for teens. Please encourage them to come and participate.**

