

# LifeWay Women's LEADERSHIP FORUM

## 2018 Breakout Descriptions

### **13 Going on 30: Bridging the Generational Gap**

Julie Woodruff & Kate Michaelson

Women are just grown up girls. Yet, we think of these as two totally different ministries? Girls and Women's ministry don't have to be silos. Join us as we rethink the ways we typically try to reach generations of women. Maybe it's easier than we've made it to be.

### **Abiding in Christ as a Leader**

Lauren Chandler

Being a ministry leader can often require more than we can give. How do we lead and love well those we've been given without running ourselves into the ground? In this breakout session, we will personally interact with John 15 and one another through prayer and care.

### **Are You My Boss, Pastor, or Husband?**

Daniel and Christina Im

We live in a male-dominated church world. Yet, society tells us that we need to be strong, opinionated, and independent women. But, if the Scriptures tell us to be submissive, what on earth are we supposed to do?! Join Christina and Daniel Im, the co-hosts of the IMbetween Podcast, to learn how to rectify the tension of confidently leading in this male-dominated church world.

### **Building Healthy Cross-Generational Friendships in Ministry**

Sophie Hudson

Sophie Hudson has served teenage girls for over twenty years in ministry, so she's worked with the last of the Gen X'ers, a whole bunch of Millennials, and now the young women of Generation Z. Over those twenty years tons of ministry strategies have come and gone, but the wisdom we see in Scripture from several pairs of women remains unchanged. Looking at the relationships between Mary and Elizabeth, Naomi and Ruth, and Lois and Eunice, Sophie will challenge us and encourage us to prioritize relationships across generations in our churches (and in our families). It's easy to focus on what divides us, but we have so much more in common than we realize. Scripture clearly shows us the blessing of friendships across generations, and life is so much richer when people - particularly people who aren't our same-age, same-stage - are our priority.

### **Confident Communication**

Dr. Rhonda Kelley

Public speaking is the number one fear for many people. Plus many women who speak apologize when they begin a speech. This breakout session will present strategies for communicating with confidence. Learn to be yourself and a great speaker!

### **Confident in God's Design**

Dr. Rhonda Kelley

The world has distorted God's design for women. This breakout session will explore what the Bible teaches about manhood and womanhood in contrast to the world's view of gender. With the help of God and His Word, Christian women can live godly lives in an ungodly world and teach biblical womanhood to others

### **Confident in the Glass House (For Ministers Wives Only)**

Diane Nix

Join Diane and a panel of Ministry Wives as you discuss living purposeful, intentional & missional lives within AND OUT OF the Glass House. Bring your questions and discuss the meaning of living by the spirit inside out! Learning and affirming that we have a "high call". Serving Him as we discover He has made us competent and our adequacy comes completely from Him!

### **Crafting a Blessing: Words that Inspire Future Hope**

Tina Boesch

Blessings are prayers with the horizon in view—intercession that carries us toward future grace. We'll look at Jacob's blessing of his children and grandchildren and the custom blessings Paul crafted in his letters to discern some of the elements of meaningful blessing. And we'll consider how Biblical blessing can strengthen our relationships and help us speak life in our homes and communities. This session will give you a Biblical groundwork and practical tips for composing and practicing blessing.

## **Growing Where You Are Planted**

LoriAnn Lowery Biggers

If the marketplace is the next mission field, what is the local church doing to equip, nurture and foster growth with their professional and marketplace members?

## **How iGen Views Sexuality**

Ashley Chesnut

With culture drastically shifting since the invention of the Internet, views on sexuality are rapidly changing with each generation. In this session, learn how iGen'ers (1995+) in America think about sexuality and gender and how we as Christians can disciple this next generation, particularly in the area of sexuality.

## **How To Stay Spiritually and Emotionally Healthy As A Leader**

Kelly Minter

As ministers and leaders in our churches and communities burnout and seasons of spiritual dryness seem inevitable. We pour out and serve and wonder who will supply us with what we need? In this session we'll detail the ways we can be personally renewed by Christ, develop a safe support system of a few people and guard against burnout. We'll look to the practical truths of Scripture as we consider what it means to stay spiritually healthy in the sometimes tiring work of ministry leadership.

## **Just Open the Door**

Jen Schmidt

As ministry leaders, what if we are overlooking the single most effective tool for Kingdom change and it's right in front of us? After decades in ministry, Jen Schmidt is convinced that opening our door has the power to radically impact our culture, to make an impact on our immediate community and quite possibly shift how you think about your women's ministry. Let's reframe our preconceived notions on hospitality and understand its critical role in discipleship and evangelism. Leave inspired, encouraged and equipped with tangible ideas to implement immediately.

## **Leadership and Leaving a Lasting Legacy**

Casey Merrifield

Leaders that make the most impact lead consistently through their lifetime. Find out what we need to believe and practice now to leave a lasting legacy. We will explore self-sabotaging pitfalls and ways to maximize our unique, God-given design to have maximum impact throughout our lifetime.

## **Likes, Follows, and Views: How to Use Social Media for Good**

Elizabeth Hyndman

Social media gets a bad rap. But in this session, we'll explore how social media can be used as a helpful tool for your ministry, your brand, and yourself! We'll talk about dos and don'ts and explore the ways you can use social media to spread the word and make connections. This will be an interactive breakout session, so an Instagram account is required to attend (it can be your personal account).

## **Ministry to the Broken and the Offended**

Jackie Hill Perry

Throughout his ministry, Jesus encountered a diversity of individuals but what stands out is how most of the people that Jesus ministered to typically fell into two distinct categories: The offended and The broken. Jesus may have taken slightly different approaches to how he ministered to both but His message did not change. The gospel was the balm for both and it still is today. This workshop will show us why.

## **Playbook for Developing Leaders and Teams Around Strategy and Mission**

Lori McDaniel

Ministry is messy, but shouldn't be chaotic. An effective leader establishes strategy that leads to powerful outcomes, develops a learning-to-lead culture, and aligns an influential team to multiply disciples and make God's name and glory known.

## **Prayer: The Unexpected Thrill of Journeying with God**

Angela Cottrell

Join me as we retreat together for a unique prayer experience. Rather than listening to me talk about prayer, I want us to workshop different types of prayers together. Afterward, we'll have some small group share time, and I'll wrap us up with scriptural foundations, and personal stories. (No one will be asked to pray aloud-ha!) It'll be fun. Looking forward to our time together!

## **Reaching Young Moms in Your Church and Community**

Faith Whatley

Have you sat down and talked to a young mom recently? The challenges today are so different than they were even 10 years ago. These women are trying to make a difference in the lives of their children, family, church and community in a culture that is difficult. Have you wondered how to minister to them? Come participate in a discussion about ways you can minister to moms and why this is so important today.

## **Sharing the Gospel with Confidence**

Dr. Jeff Iorg

This session will include practical tools for sharing the gospel with friends and family members. We will focus on sharing the gospel in continuing relationships, with people you encounter in the everyday of life. Special attention will be given to knowing when and how to initiate gospel conversations.

## **Show Her the Way**

Mary Margaret West

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## **The Boy's Table: Serving Alongside Men**

Selma Wilson

The key to your success as a woman leader greatly depends on your ability to lead well with men. There is great joy in working together and also great strength. You can lead with confidence when you know the men you lead with are supporting your success. Together, we will explore critical steps in setting the table well.

## **Too Busy for Bible Study?**

Katie Orr

In this practical breakout Katie will teach you an easy-to-use Bible study method that will help you break through surface-level Bible study in order to experience a deep and transformational time in God's Word—all in as little as 15 minutes a day. Utilizing a powerful Bible study method that is designed for people who are pressed for time, this session will equip you with a relevant and lasting approach to Bible study.

## **Truth on the Go!**

Andrea Lennon

We are busy and pulled in many different directions. (Can I get an "amen" to all the roles and responsibilities that make it difficult to pursue Jesus?) Yet, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32) In our fast-paced lives, how can we know and apply Biblical truth so that our confidence comes from God not ourselves? Come and learn foundational truths that will position you to experience God's hope, peace, and power right in the middle of your day!

## **Your Marriage, Spiritual Warfare, and Prayer Covering: What Every Ministry Leader Needs to Know**

Josh and Christi Straub

When you lead, your marriage is a target. Our relationship with our spouse is the only earthly relationship that's a direct reflection of the Godhead. No wonder the enemy wants to "steal, kill, and destroy" it. This workshop is an honest look at the real pressures leaders face in their marriage and provides a biblical and realistic look at the subtle tactics of the enemy and how to identify them. In addition, we'll provide practical ways to not only protect our most important earthly relationship—but also thrive in it—so that we lead by example.