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## BONUS BREAKOUTS

### **Lesley Hildreth- Suffering: Leading & Teaching**

Because we live in a broken world, we will experience suffering. As leaders, we will either lead out a place of suffering or teach others how to suffer well. This session will consider what it looks like to be in a season of suffering and still uphold the hope of Christ. We will also consider how to walk through the trials of life personally and with others and still count suffering a blessing. Learn how you can lead out of suffering and teach others to do the same all for God's glory and your good.

### **Marshelle Wilburn - Guide to Navigating the Rainbow: Charting the Waters of Queer Culture**

Today's culture is extremely different than just a decade ago. We find ourselves amidst redefinitions of gender, sex, marriage and family. Regrettably, the church has found itself decades behind our changing world and often ill-equipped to have a viable understanding and response to changing times. As leaders seeking to provide a gospel-centered response to a world seeking truth and love, we must ensure that we are equipped with current contextual information and biblical truths that don't change. In this session, we'll tackle a very challenging topic with wisdom, grace, and the hope of developing a Christ-compelled compassion through a gospel-focused lens for the Queer Culture.

### **Simone Monroe-Creating A Culture for Developing Leaders**

It has long been determined that culture drives everything! If this is true, then the culture we develop with our leadership will determine the direction of the ministry. Creating a culture for developing leaders, and assisting in their maturity, is quite different from the "old school" concept of gathering leaders to do a job. Moving from creating an event to having overall purpose and vision, and establishing values on which ministry is based, is only the beginning. Developing leaders is about growing others, not about being up front, or being recognized as the leader. Learning to major on developing potential, finding their greater purpose, and moving from informing and directives to seeing transformation in those being led, is dependent on the culture of leadership and how leaders are developed. If leadership is more about what happens in the inner life of the leader, then discipleship might be a better word to consider here.

### **Martha Lawley- Becoming a Peacemaker: Resolving Conflict God's Way**

Got Conflict? Our different spiritual gifts, personalities, backgrounds, ideas and opinions can make ministering together complicated. Although conflict is a common component of human relationships, many of us fear conflict and seek to avoid it at all cost. As believers, we are called to respond to conflict in ways that honor God and reveal His character to others. These are just a few of the reasons why effective conflict resolution skills are essential to godly leadership. Together we will learn more about the dynamics of conflict, consider what the Bible has to say concerning conflict, and develop effective biblical strategies for dealing with conflict in ways that honor God.