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EVENT GUIDE

EVENT SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

All events take place in Refinery Building of Saddleback Church

MONDAY- March 28, 2022

Event Times: 2:15 pm to 9:00 PM (Pacific Standard Time Zone)

- 2:15 PM – Registration
- 2:30 PM – Doors Open
- 3:00 PM – Mainstage Session Block One
 - [Rob Wilton](#), Founding/ Lead Pastor Vintage Church: “God”
 - Worship with **Saddleback Band**
 - [Brent Crowe](#), Vice President of SLU: “Contentment”
 - [Greg Stier](#), Founder of Dare 2 Share Ministries: “Rest”
- 5:30 PM – Dinner break on your own
- 6:55 PM – Mainstage Session Block Two
 - [David Nasser](#), Pastor, Author, Speaker: “Words”
 - [Eugene Cho](#), Founder of Quest Church & One Day’s Wages: “Integrity”
- 9:00 PM – Conference Dismissed

TUESDAY- March 29, 2022

Event Times: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (Pacific Standard Time Zone)

- 8:00 AM – [Youth Ministry Booster](#) Coffee Fellowship for Early Risers
- 8:30 AM – Doors Open
- 9:00 AM – Mainstage Session Block Three
 - Worship with **Saddleback Band**
 - [Meghan Fate Marshman](#), Author & Speaker: “Relationships”
- 10:40 AM – Lab Session A: see page 3 on Monday for more information
- 11:40 AM – Lab Session B: see page 3 on Monday for more information
- 12:30 PM – Chick-fil-A Lunch provided by event sponsors
- 1:30 PM – Mainstage Session Block Four
 - Worship with **Saddleback Band**
 - [Sherri Burgess](#), Author and Founder of Burgess Ministries: “Attitude”
 - [Levi Lusko](#), Author & Pastor of Fresh Life Church: “Worthiness”
- 3:30 PM – Conference Dismissed

EVENT THEME

POSSIBLE: *Creating the Future, by Reimagining a New Normal*

Youth Pastor Summit (YPS) is a conference designed to motivate, inspire, and equip every leader who invests in the lives of the next generation. YPS is a unique experience where there is an intentionality towards creating and cultivating an environment that **fosters collaboration, community, and soul-care**. YPS is a great opportunity for leaders to be refueled, recharged, and refreshed!

This year at YPS we want to help leaders create a better future for themselves while reimagining a new normal! If most leaders were honest, they would suggest, the years before the COVID-19 pandemic, their lives were full of distractions within a chaotic world. In Brent Crowe's new book, *Ten Steps to Your Best Life (2021)*, He stated, "Though things seemed in control, we were lacking a joy of accomplishment, the courage from pushing through the unknown into the beautiful, and the wonder of walking down an untraveled road to a new destination. We sought refuge in the safe confines of what we knew, what was familiar. Then, everything changed!"

Therefore, we want to highlight 8-Central ideas and challenge leaders to discover what is **POSSIBLE**:

1. **Main Word: God**
 - a. **Statement: It's POSSIBLE** to create a rhythm of renewal by confidently clinging to the idea that God's provision for our lives is God's presence in our lives
2. **Main Word: Words**
 - a. **Statement: It's POSSIBLE** to let the Word of God shape your words that come from your mouth. "Lord, set up a guard for my mouth; keep watch at the door of my lips" (Psalms 141:3)
3. **Main Word: Rest**
 - a. **Statement: It's POSSIBLE** to discover a healthy and life-giving rest cycle. Busy doesn't mean productive! How are you managing your rest cycle?
4. **Main Word: Relationships**
 - a. **Statement: It's POSSIBLE** to learn how to practice the art of relating well with others. What role do relationships fulfill in the life of a Christ-Follower?
5. **Main Word: Attitude**
 - a. **Statement: It's POSSIBLE** to calibrate the mentality of your heart. There is an attitude that precedes every action. Our attitude has potential for Good and Bad.
6. **Main Word: Worthiness**
 - a. **Statement: It's POSSIBLE** to construct a moral vision for your future. When we understand our worth, we are more willing to empathize with others. You matter to God and your church/school/organization.
7. **Main Word: Integrity**
 - a. **Statement: It's POSSIBLE** to maintain your integrity, even when others around you are not maintaining theirs. "If we are ever to live our best lives, we must commit to walking in the light of truth every day, in every conversation, with every post on social media, and every use of our resources" (Crowe, 2021, p. 178).
8. **Main Word: Contentment**
 - a. **Statement: It's POSSIBLE** to submit and delight in the desires of the Good Father! "When I am content, my relationships are healthier, my attitude is right, and my future moral vision is God-honoring" (Crowe, 2021, p. 203).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue & Parking Notes:

Saddleback Church (Lake Forest Campus) – The Refinery Building

1 Saddleback Parkway, Lake Forest, CA 92630

*Saddleback has multiple campuses in the area so make sure to arrive at the Lake Forest Campus. If heading south on the 241 toll road, be sure to get off at the 2nd Portola exit. **YPS will be located in their Refinery building in the Auditorium at the Saddleback Lake Forest Campus.***

What to Pack: Make sure to pack a pen, notebook & a bottle of water for you to have during the conference.

Meals: Dinner on Monday is on your own. Take advantage of restaurants close to the church because traffic could get bad around the church at 5:30 PM and you will want to make it back in time for our evening sessions. Lunch will be provided on Tuesday. Make sure to stop by our sponsor tables and say thanks!

Event Format: We are excited to host a LIVE, in person event! Through a mix of inspiring, equipping, and educational segments, attendees will get to walk away encouraged and resourced with practical tips, tools, and approaches on how to effectively do ministry in this season. YPS is a unique experience where there is an intentionality towards creating and cultivating an environment that fosters **collaboration, community, and soul-care.**

Special Note on Safe Community Practices: By participating in a live in-person event with Student Leadership University in 2022, you acknowledge an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. You also acknowledge your voluntary compliance with all COVID-19 event and that you are participating in this event at your choice and in full awareness of the current progression of this global pandemic. You further acknowledge your responsibility in making a wise decision on whether to attend this event – and that you cannot attend if you have been running a fever of over 100.4, exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to the event.

Registration: In order to expedite your registration and in order to minimize gathering in the lobby, please bring a copy/screen shot of your registration in one of the forms below. Having one of the options above will ensure a smooth check-in for you and your team the morning of the event. **Registration Proof (any of the options below will work):**

- Printed Copy or Screen Shot of your Registration Email
- Printed out or Screen Shot of your registration account with YPS West Coast Listed – you can access this from here: <https://register.studentleadership.net/Login/Login.aspx>

Wristbands: You will receive a #YPS wristband when you check in. You must wear this for the duration of the event as it is your access for all sessions and meals.

TUESDAY BREAKOUT DESCRIPTIONS

Labs are designed to inspire and equip you and your team. We encourage every participant to take full advantage of the practical and relevant training sessions the labs will provide. Make sure your group splits up and attends as many breakout sessions as possible on Tuesday.

10:40 AM Break Out Labs

Lab 1 in The Refinery Main Auditorium

[Ryan McDermott](#), *Director of Students and Young Adults, Christ Fellowship Church*

How to Make Sure the Ministry Doesn't Crash and Burn When You Leave: What if the true test of our leadership success is not ministries we build, but the people we build to carry them on long after we are gone. Let's talk about some practical ways to build something that outlasts us!

Lab 2 in The Gym

[Dave MacNeill](#), *Student Partnerships and Ministry with Samaritan's Purse- Operation Christmas Child*

Has Discipleship Changed in this 'Post-Pandemic' World? Samaritan's Purse- Operation Christmas Child has trained over 1.5 Million Teachers and has had over 30.9 Million children enrolled in The Greatest Journey discipleship course since 2009. We will discuss the lessons we have learned about discipleship through the pandemic that could apply directly to your student ministry's discipleship strategy.

Lab 3 in The 2nd Floor Classroom

[Catherine Renfro](#), *Director of Evangelism at the North American Mission Board*

Cultivating a Heart for Evangelism: Fear. Uncertainty. Rejection. Or just a lack of intentionality. These are just a few of the tools that Satan uses to keep us from sharing the hope we have in Jesus, with those we cross paths with daily. We see in scripture that God equips those He calls. The truth is, He's called you and He's called the students you lead to share the gospel. As Catherine shares her journey of becoming intentional about sharing the gospel beyond the walls of the church, discover practical ways to live out your calling to make Jesus known and to equip your students to do the same.

Lab 4 in The Diner

[Dr. Jonathan Denton](#), *Assistant Professor of Christian Studies/Student Ministry at CSU*

Disciplemaking in a Me-Dominated Culture? The culture that our students live in continues to shift at an ever increasing speed. In this breakout, we will discuss the effects of a culture dominated by "me" where the self is sovereign. We will then discuss the need to present a biblical worldview through relational Cross-centered apologetics/theology and to shape hearts through pastoral care

11:40 AM Break Out Labs

Lab 1 in The Refinery Main Auditorium

[Ben Trueblood](#), *Director of Student Ministries, LifeWay Christian Resources*

Rest Well: How to find life-giving rest instead of drowning in busyness.

Lab 2 in The Gym

[Kurt Johnston](#), *NextGen Pastor at Saddleback Church*

7 Ministry Skills To Help You Win: Join Kurt as he shares seven important skills every youth worker needs in order to be fruitful and fulfilled in their ministry setting.

Lab 3 in The 2nd Floor Classroom

[Jose Rodriguez](#), *CEO and Founder of Rescue a Generation*

Rescue a Generation - Reaching the Least, the Lost, and the Last. This workshop is designed to help youth leaders reach students who are far from God, church and you — particularly students who have fallen through the cracks of society.

Lab 4 in The Diner

[Emily Pigott](#), *Executive Director of Student Leadership University*

It's POSSIBLE to Reach This Generation - As leaders, we have a vital role in developing students that value leadership and are willing to step out of the cultural norm and lead this generation for the glory of God. Creating an environment that engages and inspires today's students is POSSIBLE through developing strong and meaningful relationships. In this session, we will discover how to create a mentoring environment that enables students to lead in a way that counters culture and inspires others to do the same. Let's discover together how healthy mentorship can change the trajectory of the lives of students.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is YPS really only \$15?

Yes! Through the generosity of Lifeway Students and other sponsors, this conference is being provided for only \$15 to all advanced registration attendees, \$20 for onsite walk-up attendees. Walk up registration must be paid in cash. Lunch is provided on Tuesday, but you are on your own for the rest of your meals as well as lodging if needed.

Who should attend YPS?

Youth Pastor Summit is geared to all youth pastors and key youth leaders (staff or volunteers). It is also open to Christian educators. ***All attendees must be 18 years or older.***

Can my spouse attend?

Of course! We love when couples do ministry together. Make sure you register them, so they are guaranteed a spot. Each attendee of YPS must be registered for the event and each attendee must register with their unique email address.

I have a small child; can they attend with me?

We think families are great and time together is important. However, this event is ***only for those who are 18 and older*** and who have graduated high school. We want everyone to have the best experience possible at this event, so please make arrangements to leave your children at home or arrange childcare outside of the conference.

Can I transfer my ticket to someone else?

If you are registered as a group, we will do a one-time transfer of any of your participants, without penalty. Transfers are not available on individual registrations. This one-time transfer must occur a minimum of ten business days before the event. To make a transfer on your account, email us at yps@studentleadership.net from your group leader's email indicating the individual(s) you are canceling and the name, email, and DOB of the new registration(s). We will only make a transfer(s) on each group registration one time, and once you have made a transfer, your group is then finalized.