20 YPS 24

YOUTH PASTOR SUMMIT

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EVENT GUIDE

EVENT SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

MONDAY- April 29, 2024

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

- 11 AM to 2 PM – New 2 Ministry Pre-Conference
  - 50 Spots Available, Lunch and resources provided. Register for this as part of your YPS Registration.
- 2:15 PM – Registration
- 2:30 PM – Doors Open
- 3:00 PM – Mainstage Session Block One
  - Worship with **Bethany Barr Phillips**
  - **Ed Newton**, *Lead Pastor of Community Bible Church in San Antonio, TX*
  - **Shama Mrema**
  - **Brad Lomenick**, *Leadership Consultant, Author, and Speaker*
  - **Dr. Bill Brown**, *SLU 2024 Scholar in Residence*
- 5:30 PM – Dinner break on your own
- 6:45 PM – Mainstage Session Block Two
  - **Jared Hall**, *Illusionist, Comedian, and Communicator*
  - Worship with Bethany Barr Phillips
  - **Eugene Cho**, *President of Bread for the World/Visionary of One Day's Wages*
- 9:00 PM – Conference Dismissed

TUESDAY- April 30, 2024

Event Times: 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM (Central Standard Time Zone)

- 8:00 AM – **Youth Ministry Booster** Coffee Fellowship for Early Risers
- 8:30 AM – Registration/ Doors Open
- 9:00 AM – Mainstage Session Block Three
  - **Shama Mrema**
  - Worship with **Bethany Barr Phillips**
  - **Dr. Jay Strack**, *President & Founder of SLU*
- 10:40 AM – Lab Session A
- 11:40 AM – Lab Session B
- 12:30 PM – Lunch provided by event sponsors
- 1:30 PM – Mainstage Session Block Four
  - Worship with **Bethany Barr Phillips**
  - **Ryan McDermott,** *Director of Students & Young Adults at Christ Fellowship Church*
  - **Matt Carter**, *Vice President of Mobilization, Send Network*
- 3:30 PM – Conference Dismissed

EVENT THEME

Inverse: *The Counter Cultural Teachings of Jesus*

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, the theme for **YPS 2024** is **I N V E R S E**. ***Inverse simply means, "something that is the opposite or reverse of something else."*** When Jesus spoke, His teachings were the inverse of what culture was and is saying. It was the opposite of what we would assume to be true. **This year we will explore some of the most challenging and controversial teachings of Jesus.** One of the most common truths that have regularly been applied to the person of Jesus is the fact that ***He comforted the afflicted and afflicted the comfortable.*** Yes, Jesus said and demonstrated the most loving, accepting, and grace-filled things. However, He also taught complicated truths that even perplexed the people who knew Him best. Why? Because **Jesus taught both grace AND truth**! So, if we want to have the power to truly change our lives and this world, learning how to navigate the tensions between Jesus' teachings on grace and truth is essential. Therefore, during **YPS 2024**, we will highlight four counter cultural claims made by Jesus, as it relates to ***Unity, Love, Compassion, and Submit to the Calling***

W E L C O M E to the I N V E R S E!!!!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue & Parking Notes:
The Compass Church, Naperville Campus
1551 Hobson Road, Naperville, IL 60540

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 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: 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**.

Registration: In order to expedite your registration and 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 Chicago Listed – you can access this from here: https://events.circuitree.com/studentleadership/Account/Login/?returnUrl=%2Fstudentleadership&skip=False

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 into 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. Breakout Descriptions will be updated in this document and send in the pre-event email two weeks prior to the event.

10:40 AM BREAKOUT LABS

Lab 1 in The Hub
Dr. Bill Brown, *SLU Scholar in Residence*
Hot Topics – Dr. Bill Brown will coordinate a Q&A session and discussion about complex topics for today's Youth Pastors: LGBTQ+ issues, apologetics, and teens' most asked questions. Also, he will ask YOU questions about your programs: what's working and what's not.

Lab 2 in Family Room
Amanda Mejias, *Lifeway Girls Brand Specialist*
Your Role in Stewarding Her Growth — How do you help girls love Jesus even after they're no longer in your ministry? You are here because you have been entrusted to disciple and minister to teen girls. We all desire to see a healthy and vibrant ministry full of students walking with Jesus! Let's talk about how to not grow weary or complacent in stewarding this time with your girls.

Lab 3 in S 102
Walter Brigman, *Director of Strack Center & Denominational Relations at CSU*
Investing in Inverse Families: Casting a Vision for Family-Equipping Ministries – Parenting in today's culture is tough. Equipping families to live Inverse lives is equally as tough. In this breakout, we will discuss one of the great themes of Scripture: every generation is to reach the next generation with the gospel and prepare the next gen to live inversely to the culture. Looking at Psalm 78, we will prepare you to shape parents, families and volunteers to make disciples of the next generation.

11:40 AM BREAKOUT LABS

Lab 1 in The Hub
Ben Trueblood, *Director of Student Ministry at Lifeway Christian Resources*
DiscipleWORKS: Every student ministry needs a pathway to help teenagers grow in discipleship. Join in this interactive workshop to discover the key elements of a disciple making pathway and learn how to apply them to your specific ministry context.

Lab 2 in Family Room
Doug Holliday, *President of Sonlife*
Discovering A Counter-Cultural Model for Disciple-Making – How can we effectively, consistently develop counter-cultural student disciples who follow Jesus even against the seemingly overpowering current of the world they live in? Could it be that our answer will be found not by looking inward or forward, but rather by looking backward… 2000 years… to the original counter-cultural disciple-maker. Doug Holliday will explore with us the disciple-making model of Jesus, a model that is relational, missional & intentional. If we're going to develop counter-cultural student disciples, we'll need to be the same. And maybe, just maybe, we might even have to counter the culture inside today's church to make disciples as Jesus did.

Lab 3 in S 102
Matt Carter, *Vice President of Mobilization, Send Network*
Church Planting – At the age of 27, Matt Carter walked away from a successful ministry as a Student Pastor, to plant The Austin Stone Church in Austin, Tx. During his 18 years as Lead Pastor, Matt saw that church grow from a core team of 15 college kids to over 8,000 active weekly attenders. This breakout is for anyone interested in hearing more about how to pursue a journey in church planting; or anyone who is praying through whether being a Lead Pastor is the next step in their journey.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the New 2 Ministry Pre-Conference Gathering at YPS?
Get what you need before the conference even starts! A 3-hour lunch and learn for those who are New2Ministry (2ish years or so). A roundtable session that is wildly practical, conversational, pro-active, and specifically tuned to set up you, a new-ish youth ministry leader with an action plan for how to better build a healthy ministry. Our friends at Lifeway Students want to connect and equip you with the strategy and stuff you need to lead well now. You can sign up for this as part of your regular YPS registration. Space is limited to 50 people.

Where can I hear the SLU Scholar in Residence at YPS?
SLU's Scholar in Residence, Dr. Bill Brown, will speak during the mainstage from YPS as well as answer questions you have submitted (both through registration as well as texted in during the event) in an exclusive breakout session crafted uniquely for YPS attendees in attendance. **Vision for Scholar in Residence Program:** It is SLU's desire to give you, our audience of student ministry practitioners and educators, space to wrestle with worldview type questions that relate to the fast-changing landscape of your student ministries and communities. The vision for this space is that the discussions are crafted and cultivated under the wisdom and guidance of a thought leader. We can think of no better voice to launch this initiative and shepherd these discussions in their inaugural year than Dr. Bill Brown.

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. 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.