

SESSION A • 9:00am – 12:30pm



Steve Argue THEOLOGICAL ESSENTIALS FOR MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP PLAM01

This Point Leader breakout is for those leaders who lay awake at night asking: "What exactly am I doing? Who are my students becoming? How do student ministries truly help adolescents and families?" More and bigger questions are welcomed. Dialogue will be valued. This will be a safe place to ask hard questions and offer unconventional answers that go way below the programmatic surface.

Steve Argue is the Executive Director of the *Contextual Learning Center* at *Grand Rapids Theological Seminary*, where he also teaches as an adjunct professor in youth ministry. He is the co-founder of *Intersect*, a ministry that provides leadership training and consulting to emerging leaders in ministries around the world. He is also on the steering team for the *Emergent West Michigan Cohort*.



Keith Cote UNLEASHING IDEAS AND OWNERSHIP: THE DNA OF EFFECTIVE BRAINSTORMING/COMPRESSION PLANNING PLAM02

In this session you will understand a way to create ownership in your ministry, to bring clarity to your planning meetings, to navigate change effectively, to build a strategy canvas for your ministry, to engage and enlist the ideas of entire team's, and move those ideas to action with ownership, excellence and purpose.

Keith Cote is a consultant for the student ministries segment of the *Willow Creek Association*. With over 25 years of ministry experience, Keith trains youth leaders and students around the world how to build effective ministries. He is also a leadership and organizational development consultant and is the author of *Beyond the Game*. Keith and his wife, Angela have four children, Samuel, Graham, Madelyn, and Camille.



Kevin Moore RECRUITING, TRAINING AND KEEPING GREAT YOUTH WORKERS PLAM04

The most valuable tool you will ever have as a youth pastor will not be your building, your events or even your budget. The greatest asset to you and your ministry is and always will be—people. In this Point Leader breakout, Kevin will share details and strategies that will help you get the right people on your team.

Kevin Moore is the Youth Pastor of *Oneighty*, the youth ministry of Church on the Move in Tulsa, Oklahoma. For the past 15 years, his passion in life has been to introduce young people to Jesus Christ, helping them walk out their faith in a real and personal way.



Michael Novelli TEACHING THE BIBLE THROUGH STORY AND DIALOGUE PLAM05

During this interactive workshop we will explore the art of "Storying", a dialogical approach founded in the Hebrew tradition and used extensively in missions all over the world. This new (and ancient) way of engaging God's Story has proven effective to help people to discover God's unique identity and calling for their life. During this breakout you will participate in a "Storying" experience, learn new methods to communicate and interact with God's Story, and receive a workbook packed with resources to help you lead in your context.

Michael Novelli is founder of *Echo the Story*, where he has spent the last five years developing narratives and training to help others discover the art of "Storying." For almost 15 years, he has led student ministries in the Chicago area. He, his wife Michele and their son Angelo live in Elgin, Illinois.

SESSION B • 2:00pm – 5:30pm



Doug Fields & Kurt Johnston SADDLEBACK STUDENT MINISTRIES: AN INSIDE LOOK PLPM21



Join Kurt Johnston and Doug Fields for an inside look at the student ministries of Saddleback Church. They'll share the strategies, strengths, and struggles they face each day. Plus there will be plenty of time available for a no-holds-barred Q&A session.

Doug Fields has been the pastor to students at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California since 1992. He is the president of *Simply Youth Ministry* and has been involved in the training of youth workers around the country for over twenty-five years.

Kurt Johnston is the Junior High Pastor at *Saddleback Church* in Southern California. He is passionate about encouraging junior high youth workers, and has written a books and resources with that in mind. Kurt and his wife Rachel have been married since 1991 and have two children, Kayla and Cole.



Dan Kimball THEOLOGY IN YOUTH MINISTRY PLPM23

In our fast-changing, fast-paced and very diverse culture, we need to be thinking theologically as youth leaders and teach youth to think theologically. In this breakout, we will look at how everything we do teaches theology, from the way we set up a room to what we do in small groups, to what we do in our gatherings. We will also look at the key theological issues that must be address in order to help students get a theological framework for their post-high school years.

Dan Kimball served as a high school pastor for many years before helping pioneer *Vintage Faith Church* in Santa Cruz, California, a ministry designed to reach a post-Christian culture. Dan is a leading voice in the emerging church discussions, is an adjunct faculty member at *George Fox Evangelical Seminary* and is the author of the recent book *They Like Jesus, But Not the Church*.



Walt Mueller ENGAGING THE SOUL OF YOUTH CULTURE PLPM24

As a student of youth culture who serves those who minister to students, Walt Mueller continues to look closely at both the world, and the ministry responses to today's cultural realities. In this Point Leader breakout, Walt will share some of his observations on student ministry in our current cultural context, noting where we're hitting and perhaps missing the mark. There will be ample time for interaction and discussion, with the hope that God will use the conversation to spark a process of ministry and self-evaluation.

Walt Mueller is the founder and President of the *Center for Parent/Youth Understanding* and has been working with young people and families for 31 years. He is the author of many books, including his most recent *Opie Doesn't Live Here Anymore: Where Faith, Family, and Culture Collide*. Walt and his wife Lisa live in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania and have four children.