

GREATER THINGS

Leadership Retreat 2009 - Breakout Options

Breakout Sessions will be offered on Saturday afternoon. If you have questions about which breakout to attend, please speak with your ministry leader, team leader, or zone leader. For more information, see the registration table for guidance.

Breakout A – 1:00 pm

A.1 Ministry Leader Breakout (Main Conference Room)

Ministry leaders will hear from Pastor Joel and share best practices and plan for 2009.

A.2 Greater Depth: Questions That Transform

Discipleship has more to do with the questions we ask than the information we give. Jesus asked questions that transformed the lives of the people he asked. How can those questions guide us in our discipleship efforts? Imagine moving discipleship out of the classroom and away from coursework and instead viewing every conversation as an opportunity for discipleship.

Leader: Heather Zempel

A.3 Greater Depth: Beyond the Superficial

Does your group discussion stay on the surface? Do you find it hard to break through to deeper and more meaningful interaction? What about those prayer requests? Come and learn some different ways to take the next step in community.

Leader: John Hasler

A.4 Greater Depth: What is Past is Prologue

Many contemporary challenges to Christianity which are heralded as "new" are in fact quite old, and have already been addressed by the some of the greatest minds in the history of the Church. Join us in finding ancient answers to today's "new" arguments, and discover resources for growing in Christ you never knew had always been available.

Leader: Brian and Kim Hill

Breakout B – 2:10 pm

B.1 Ministry Leader Breakout (Main Conference Room)

Ministry leaders will hear from Pastor Joel and share best practices and plan for 2009.

B.2 Greater Direction: Setting Goals

As we say at NCC: "You never hit a goal you don't set." Come and learn how to set goals for your group and help you achieve all that you set out to do.

Leader: Brandt Siegel

B.3 Greater Direction: How to Choose Curricula

"What should we study next?" is one of the most-asked questions by small groups at the end of a semester. This breakout will provide tips to leaders in selecting curricula and create a forum for sharing ideas with fellow leaders.

Leader: Sarah Owen

B.4 Greater Direction: New Leader's Survival Guide

Is this your first time facilitating a small group? Is your Alpha group staying together and you're not sure what to do? Are you completely confused when people talk about Zones, Team Leaders, and the Discipleship Map? If your answer to any of these is yes, then this is the breakout for you. Designed for those who are relatively new to leading groups, we'll cover the basics of small groups at NCC. There will also be plenty of time for Q&A at the end, so bring your questions.

Leader: Will Johnston

Breakout C – 3:20 pm

C.1 Greater Development: Values Workshop

Values are principles, standards, or quality considered worthwhile or desirable to you and your ministry/small group. Values help us determine what to do and what not to do. Only by understanding what you value most can you be the leader you want to become. So in this interactive workshop, you will do just that - sit down and really look at your values and narrow them down to your top five. Participants will leave this session with clarity around their top values and actionable items to live out those values in their small group/ministry.

Leader: Beth McDonald

C.2 Greater Development: Service and Mission

As disciples we are called to be servants, but with the all of the craziness that is DC, it can be difficult to find the time, inspire, and mobilize our people for service. Come and discover the message, innovation and motivation that Christ used to inspire people to action.

Leader: John Hasler and Dave Schmidgall

C.3 Greater Development: Relational Aspects of Leadership

As a leader, you face a lot of different challenges. This breakout is a session on what leaders want, what they need, the model of Jesus, and how to handle difficult situations.

Leader: David and Sharon Simon

C.4 Alpha Team

Members of the Alpha Team will meet with Alpha Zone Leader, Juliet Main, to prepare for the launch of the Spring 2009 Alpha Course.

Leader: Juliet Main

C5. Personal Reflection Time

Need a few moments to catch your breath and digest what you've been learning? Feel free to find a quiet place to reflect, pray, and journal by yourself or with your team.

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My Breakouts:

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