

# PCA **NEXTGEN** STUDENT MINISTRY CONFERENCE

## 2024 Breakout Seminar Options

### **Contextualizing Culture and Youth Ministry**

Emmie Thompson - Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, Lookout Mountain, GA

Join us as we explore how to guide youth in navigating the complexities of culture through a biblical lens. We'll look at the practice of "culture updates," analyzing popular media and trends that influence students, and comparing them with the truths of Scripture. You'll discover practical ways to help students see how God's Word transforms every part of their lives, from music to social media, and how they can live out their faith in a world that longs for redemption. Learn how to lead with both compassion and truth, equipping students to follow Christ in every area of life.

### **Extending Mercy: Walking alongside Students in Today's Unstable World**

Edward Ruiz - Counselor, Life Counseling Center

How do we relationally come alongside our who live each day in our unstable world filled with doubts fears, worry, and pressure from peers, parents and performance? In this breakout we will look to see how we can lovingly students confront the hearts and minds of our students with the beauty and truth of the gospel and build their confidence in Christ.

### **Looking Back, Looking Ahead: Praising God for Longevity in Student Ministry**

Isaac Terwilliger - Grace Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska

Most youth workers aren't known for slowing down long enough to reflect and take note of the tapestry God has woven throughout their ministry. This discussion-based breakout will give us the space to reflect upon and share stories of just starting out in ministry, where we are today, to where we hope God will lead in the future. Come ready to look back over your years in ministry, then be ready to share some insights from those reflections, and be ready to receive encouragement, new perspectives and ideas, and hopefully renewed energy for student ministry

### **Anxiety: Walking with Students in the Valley of Shadows**

Laurie Bradley - Counselor, Life Counseling Center

Anxiety is not as simple as we want it to be, each person's journey is unique. It can drive each of us away from or toward Christ – or sometimes both. Let's consider some causes, types of spiritual struggle, and responses to anxiety you can bring with you as you minister to students and their families.

### **In a World: The Untold True Story of a Man and his Mission to Heal the World, One Movie at Time**

Matt Hedinger - Old Cutler Presbyterian Church, Palmetto Bay, FL

This is a practical guide on how to use movie clips in your teaching. We will discuss philosophy, biblical grounds for this approach and tips and tricks on how to do it well.

### **Breaking the Silence: Caring for Students in Crisis**

Dr. Sandra Cruise – Counselor, Life Counseling Center

In today's world, 1 in 4 young women will experience abuse in a dating relationship by the age of 20, and many more face domestic abuse at home. As youth pastors and leaders, we are called to be on the front lines of care for these students. Join Dr. Sandra Cruise in this eye-opening seminar, where you will learn to identify signs of abuse, explore why abuse is on the rise among youth, and discuss practical, Scripture-based approaches to helping those who are suffering. This session will equip you to respond with wisdom and compassion, offering hope to students in crisis.