

Western Division
2023 Leadership Retreat & Roundtable
Seaside, OR – April 16-18, 2023

Together

Romans 15:5-6

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY, April 16, 2023 (Best Western Plus Ocean View Resort)

- 4:15 PM Conference Check-In/Registration Opens – Dinner on your own
5:30 PM Exhibits Open
6:30 PM Meet and Greet “Sundae” Night Session

MONDAY, April 17, 2023 (Seaside Civic & Convention Center)

- 7:15 AM Coffee / Visit Exhibitors
7:45 AM Announcements / Opening Remarks
8:00 – 9:15 AM **Session 1: Truth Changes Everything. (Dr. Jeff Myers, President, Summit Ministries)**
From social conflict to purposelessness and lack of identity, the loss of truth affects us every day. Is all hope lost? In this talk, Dr. Jeff Myers shares the fascinating stories of Jesus-followers who lived for truth and transformed the world in times of crisis. These inspiring figures led the way in human dignity, science, art, medicine, education, politics, and even in the idea of meaningful work. Come be inspired in your own sense of vision and purpose.
9:15 – 9:30 AM Coffee Break / Visit Exhibitors
9:30 – 10:45 AM **Session 2: A Fast Track to the World of Ideas. (Dr. Jeff Myers, President, Summit Ministries)**
Five fake worldviews influence the minds and hearts of people today. Dr. Myers shares shocking data from a joint Summit/Barna Group study that reveals how dedicated Christians are influenced by these worldviews and then explains how to talk about and defend a Christian worldview in today’s culture.
10:45 – 11:05 Break / Visit Exhibitors
11:05 AM – 12:25 PM **Session 3: Standing in the Land of Giants: Four Ways to Grow our Children as Leaders (Dr. Jeff Myers, President, Summit Ministries)**
We daily face giants of culture that cause our kids to lose hope instead of embracing God’s promises. How do we prepare kids to stand alone even when everything seems to be falling apart? We will look at four areas where we and our children can make daily

progress in getting a vision for our lives, developing a strong sense of mission, staying motivated, and setting worthy goals.

12:25 – 1:30 PM

Fellowship / Networking Lunch

1:30 – 2:45 PM

Session 4: Finding Life Purpose: Biblical Steps to Living with Confidence (Dr. Jeff Myers, President, Summit Ministries)

Four out of five young adults say they have no sense of purpose. Anxiety and depression are epidemic. Based on his experience working with tens of thousands of young people, Dr. Myers explains practical steps to finding a sense of direction and discerning God's will to live meaningful lives that make a difference.

2:45 – 7:15 PM

Free Time for Networking / Personal Time / Sightseeing / *Dinner on your own

TUESDAY, April 18, 2022 (Seaside Civic and Convention Center)

7:15 AM

Coffee / Visit Exhibitors

7:45 AM

Announcements / Opening Remarks

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Session 5: Spiritual Formation in a Post-Truth Society: Training the Next Generation to Carry Forward the Mission of Christ (Jerry Nelson, Chief Ministry Officer, ACSI)

In this session, we will learn that Spiritual Formation is a cradle-to-grave endeavor. It is God's prescribed plan for faith transference and is the obligation of the entire faith community. We will also explore what spiritual formation is within the larger scope of God's kingdom, its relation to the development of a biblical worldview, and the shape its development may take in a post-truth society.

9:00 – 9:10 AM

Break

9:10 – 10:10 AM

Session 6: Introducing A Biblical Worldview Framework for Living Faithfully and Fruitfully in a Post-Truth Society. (Jerry Nelson, Chief Ministry Officer, ACSI)

This session will explore a framework for building a biblical worldview in a post-truth society. We will examine four elements of a robust biblical worldview that helps us to remain rooted in reality, on solid footing Scripturally, battle against hollow and deceptive philosophies of this world, and live faithfully and fruitfully in the moments the Lord grants us.

10:10 – 10:25 AM

Coffee Break / Visit Exhibitors

10:25 – 11:30 AM

Session 7: Applying the Biblical Worldview Framework (Jerry Nelson, Chief Ministry Officer, ACSI)

In this session, we will work in groups and use the framework to address a few pressing issues in our culture

11:30-12:00 PM

Sponsor Drawings & Closing Remarks – Dr. Cecil Swetland

Noon

Conference Ends
