



CPC21 Online - Live Streamed Breakouts

You will have a choice of 7 breakouts per session (you will see the terms "breakout 1, breakout 2, etc., to refer to each session). There are 2 sessions per day. For a description of the categories, please see the end of this document. Happy learning!

(Note: This list *does not* include all breakouts offered in the Experience Kit. These are only the breakouts that will be broadcasted live during CPC21)

Day 1 - Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Breakout 1 - 10:45am-11:30am

***All times are in CST**

Master Planning for Leaders - Rachel Price

In Master Planning for Leaders, attendees will learn the 5 P's of effective time management, and how they can be used to most efficiently plan within their ministries.

Category: Leadership

Leading From Your Strengths - Dr. Deb Moncauskas

In this breakout, you will begin to identify your unique contribution as an integral part of the Body of Christ. You will gain a foundational understanding of strength-based leadership and building strength-based teams.

Category: Leadership

I'm New to Ministry - Now What? - Byron Ragains

Welcome to ministry, my friend! I always say to new leaders, "you will be better off 6 months from now!". Join me for this breakout and let's cover the "how-to's" for casting vision, observing and evaluating your programming, finding volunteers, selecting curriculum, and building your team.

Category: Children's Ministry Foundations

Pivoting With Purpose - Christie Penner-Worden

Whether change has come without choice or because you sense God leading you in a new direction, learning to pivot with purpose begins with obedience. Listening, learning, and leaning in to God's voice during change is the difference between change for change's sake, and change for the sake of the Kingdom. Are you being asked to pivot? Do you need something to change? Let's ask some tough questions about the discipline of pivoting with purpose (and not just because you have to).

Category: Leadership

Answering “Why Children’s Ministry?” From the Bible - Larry Fowler

Are you brand new to children's ministry, and wondering what to do next? This breakout will get you started on developing a theology of children's ministry, and discover a Biblical foundation for the who, what, and why of kidmin. This one is a MUST listen for anyone with under three years in children's ministry.

Category: Children's Ministry Foundations

Leading With Influence - Melissa J. MacDonald

Not only is children's ministry the most important ministry in the church, leading that ministry puts leaders in a strategic place to influence the church at all levels. Come discover if your specific leadership role is an invitation to influence the church as a whole, and how to lead with that influence.

Category: Leadership

Sabbath Keeping for Leaders - Michayla White & Stephanie SanHamel

Leaders are recognizing their pace in this world is not sustainable, and many express they are hungry for more of God's presence. It is no wonder the practice of Sabbath is getting increasing attention today. But what is sabbath, really? What does Scripture have to say about it? What did Jesus think about Sabbath? What did the apostles do with Sabbath and where does it fit today in our lives and leadership? Join Michayla White and Stephanie SanHamel, two Jewish believers, as they unpack the Sabbath in a conversation from a biblical, culturally Jewish perspective.

Category: Leadership

Breakout 2 - 12:45pm-1:30pm (Tuesday, Day 1)

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A Discipleship Culture That Volunteers Never Leave - Sharon Rundell

Volunteers come to our teams with a variety of underlying motives, but most of all they come to be a part of something bigger, make an impact, and find community. In this breakout, learn how to create such an inclusive culture with your volunteer teams that even if someone has to step away, they are still considered a part of your family.

Category: Volunteers

How to Multiply Yourself in Ministry - Josh Denhart

Moses was forced into it. Nehemiah maximized it. Elisha institutionalized it. Paul modeled it. The Early Church leveraged it. Jesus personified it. Ministry leaders are called to ministry multiplication for the health of our souls, the building up of the body, and the furtherance of the gospel. In this breakout, learn foundational concepts and practical steps for ministry multiplication.

Category: Volunteers

Breath of Connection - Mercedes Hayes

Through recent global events, it has become increasingly more prevalent how connection is air to our lungs. Learn how to create circles of relationships with volunteers, parents, children, and your congregation to create an atmosphere people crave to be a part of. Discover how to expand the benefit of relational bonds to bring more power to how you share God's Good news.

Category: Culture & Community

How to Execute a Clear Plan That Will Help Your Church Meet New People -

Gabe Norris & Ken Thomas

Creating a plan to reach new people in your community and having the time to actually follow the plan feels intimidating. Learn the key pieces needed to assemble a clear plan for your children's ministry that anyone can articulate and own. Discover the joy of running a plan that produces consistent results for your children's ministry.

Category: Culture & Community

When I Move, You Move - Nikki Palmer

Have you ever suffered from P. B. P. S. overload? Better known as Planning, Brainstorming, Preparing, and Strategizing for Children's Ministry overload? Even the best-organized children's ministry planning sessions can be overwhelming. Whether you are brainstorming ideas for Sunday School activities, or planning to regather children in a socially distant service, the struggle to produce a transformative experience is real. So, what can you do? You move! Learn how to equip yourself and your team to move from the stress of striving to moving with the Holy Spirit and discovering that there can be peace in preparation.

Category: Volunteers

Developing Meaningful and Influential Conversations With Your Kids - Dr. Ron Hunter

The single biggest missing element in discipleship today is heartfelt conversations between parents and kids. As ministry leaders, you must equip parents to have a substantive dialogue. Parents of preschoolers and early elementary age have no problems talking to the curious tiny humans God gave them, but conversations during those teenage years become strained or even non-existent. This session will identify seven barriers in communication, and provide a meaningful conversation formula that is not only easy but memorable. Parents cannot disciple kids without a relationship, and relationships cannot occur without meaningful conversation.

Category: Discipleship

Finding Your G.I.F.T.S.: How to Grow Your Volunteer Base From 3 to 300 - Heidi Howard

God did not plan for us to sit back and wait for volunteers to come to us. In this breakout session, you will learn tried and true insights on how to successfully recruit volunteers from passion to purpose using the G.I.F.T.S. method. Gain fresh perspective as you learn how to position yourself to be sensitive to God's voice to become an excellent recruiter to accomplish the Kingdom's work. Not only will you be able to recruit, but if done correctly you will be able to retain volunteers.

Category: Volunteers

Day 2 - Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Breakout 3 - 10:45am-11:30am

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Illusions and Creative Object Lessons - David & Teesha Laflin

Exciting object lessons not only grab kids' (and adults') attention, they also make teaching much more effective! Learn simple illusions YOU can do and how to make simple objects into dynamic lessons!

Category: Beyond the Basics

5 Principles for Helping the Next Generation Engage With the Bible - Keith Ferrin

We all want our kids to believe the Bible. We all want them to believe and trust God's Word. So...how do we do it? In this breakout, we'll explore five principles that help the next generation engage with, enjoy, and apply God's Word. Then we'll look at how to apply those principles in homes, churches, and with different age groups.

Category: Discipleship

Essential Engagement: Preteen's Socialization After Shelter in Place - Sean Sweet

Preteens are social and they love to gather. 2020's restrictions were especially restrictive for this age group. Learn how both in-person & online events can easily become catalytic and life-changing for preteens. Plus, it's easy to turn your preteens into an unstoppable outreach squad as inviting friends to socialize is a natural response for them.

Category: Discipleship

Life and Verse: Helping Families Live Life in the Scriptures - Jana Magruder

Biblical literacy is essential for spiritual growth. Scripture memory is essential for survival in today's culture! How can we as children's ministry leaders help kids and parents embrace Bible skills and scripture memory in the home? Come learn strategies to help you implement this model in your ministry.

Category: Beyond the Basics

Trauma Informed Kids Ministry - Kim Botto

Millions of American children have experienced trauma. Due to past experiences, traditional discipline simply isn't effective. We'll dig into the "why" behind disruptive behavior while learning practical and proven methods to respond to kids with challenging behavior in healthier and more effective ways.

When these methods are implemented, volunteers are empowered, parents feel understood, and kids are better able to understand the love of Jesus.

Category: Grief & Trauma Competency

Global Children's and Family Ministry - Dr. Denise Kjesbo

God is active and moving around the world in children's and family ministry. It is time for North American leaders to celebrate and learn from our global brothers and sisters and to truly partner with them in God's global movement. This breakout will introduce you to several movements and give you a window into how you can best partner with those who share your passion to serve children and families around the world.

Category: Culture and Community

What's on the Menu? Best Practices for Preschool Ministry - Dawn Rundman

Designing meaningful experiences for preschoolers takes deliberate planning, from the materials you use to the volunteers who offer their time. This session will introduce you to developmentally appropriate practices for leading and learning with preschoolers. After establishing what ingredients make a great preschool session, we'll explore how to build lessons from a menu of vivid, engaging options.

Category: Early Childhood

Breakout 4 - 12:45 pm-1:30 pm (Wednesday, Day 2)

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Connecting Children With God: Spiritual Practices for Children - Gordon West

Trust your children and their Creator to communicate with one another successfully! Move beyond entertainment to spiritual engagement. In this breakout, experience child-friendly spiritual practices that you can use at home or church to give kids time with God.

Category: Discipleship

Special Needs Ministry Across the Phases - Meaghan Wall

Children with special needs are not limited to one phase. They grow older and their needs change. As a church, we have to be ready to meet their needs as they travel from phase to phase. Let's talk through how we walk with a family through the different phases, and how we can anticipate their needs as a church before the needs arise.

Category: Special Needs Ministry

Discipling Kids in Worship - Yancy Richmond

Leading worship is more about your leadership ability than your musical ability. It's time to STOP doing songs and START leading worship. The Bible says "people perish for a lack of knowledge". Yancy will share her passion for teaching kids to worship and find their hiding place in His presence.

Category: Discipleship

Protecting Your Church - Ryan Carter

As a children's ministry leader, securing the most vulnerable areas of your ministry is key. In this breakout, learn practical tools and procedures designed to help you keep your ministry safe and secure.

Category: Children's Ministry Foundations

More Than Babysitting: Making Disciples in Early Childhood - Matt Morgan

In the first 5 years of life, children are absorbing vast amounts of information from the world around them and using that information to establish foundational beliefs about the world that will last many years to come. This is why our preschool ministries must be more than just babysitting! In this breakout, we will discuss how we can lead kids to know more about God and develop faith that will last into adulthood.

Category: Early Childhood

Seven Easy Ways to Incorporate Missions in Your Children's Ministry - Madelene Metcaff

Missions should be a vital part of every healthy children's ministry. Come learn 7 easy ways to engage children in reaching both the local and international community.

Category: Culture & Community

The Invisible Strings - Children Dealing With Grief - Dr. Chris Corbett & Caitlin Salmon

The hearts of children are innocent and filled with joy until grief enters their world. Through this session, we will discuss applicable ways to navigate the invisible strings of grief that hold onto their hearts and lives.

Category: Grief & Trauma Competency

Day 3 - Thursday, January 14, 2021

Breakout 5 - 10:45am-11:30am

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Teaching Kids a Theology of Suffering - Coleen Cotton

Trying to make sense of the pain and suffering in our world can drive people to or away from God. How do we equip kids with the biblical understanding for why God allows suffering and how we as Christians should respond to suffering? Explore a theology of suffering for kids at this breakout.

Category: Beyond the Basics

Multicultural Latino Family Ministry - Luz Figuera

Loving and celebrating the families God has called us to serve is a unique privilege, and that is exactly what a multicultural vision for family ministry embraces. Gain key insights for what it looks like to model and develop a gospel-centered, multicultural, Latino family ministry where inclusiveness and affirmation are present and the Biblical message is prioritized.

Category: Culture & Community

Do You Know Your Neighbor? - Gloria Lee and Gary Lindsay

Does your program communicate cultural competence? The demographics of our cities are rapidly changing. Not every kid in your ministry has a majority culture, traditional family story. We will help you gain the skills to be culturally relevant when picking programs and curriculum for your ministry to better attract and engage kids and families in your community and your church.

Category: Culture & Community

COVID-19 Conversation – A Panel Discussion

Becky Rydman - Facilitator, Mahogany Dudley-Finley, Esther Moreno, Heidi Hensley, Melissa MacDonald, and Andrae Jones.

Learn from seasoned kid's ministry leaders about what they have learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and how it will impact kid's ministry going forward. Topics such as programming, online ministry, partnering with parents, and safety practices are all on the table.

Category: Tough Topics

Take the Church to Them - Ana Zugheri

There are many children that cannot attend church due to their living conditions, lack of transportation or a responsible adult to take them, a difficult cultural environment, or quarantine. Jesus took the church outside the buildings. Ana with Faith52 will share her experience, ideas, and how-to's for "stepping outside the boat" to serve children outside the church. Who are these kids? How are they different? How can we minister to them?

Category: Culture & Community

It's Not Just Sunday School - Henry Zonio

What we teach kids about the Bible and how we teach them about the Bible is shaped by the cultures we live in. The families we grow up in, the churches we attend, the schools we go to, the neighborhoods we live in, and much more all are a part of the cultural lenses that shape how we see and interpret the world; this includes how we read and teach the Bible. In this breakout, we will talk about what it means to contextualize the Bible for children and ourselves while remaining faithful to Scripture. You will walk away with concrete strategies on how to better and more courageously teach the Bible to the children in our ministries.

Category: Beyond the Basics

Universal Design for Children's Ministry -Victoria White

Wondering how to set up or reset your Children's Ministry so that every child thrives? Join this breakout to explore the concept of Universal Design. Discover important processes, equipment, and tools to build into your program from the beginning, so that each child experiences a place of welcome, safety, and learning.

Category: Special Needs Ministry

Breakout 6 - 12:45pm-1:30pm (Thursday, Day 3)

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Let's Talk About Racism - Kim Botto

The effects of racism are felt in all communities. Racism is not just a social issue but an issue of sin. Let's courageously use the Gospel to train up our kids, leaders, and parents to seek justice and defend the oppressed. As followers of Jesus, it's what we're called to do, regardless of our age or skin color.

Category: Tough Topics

Leading Into the Unknown - Dr. Kayla Pray

The world has changed, and leaders have to respond. The question is, how can you lead when you don't see the path, or when others want to argue with your leadership? In this session, we will look at leading through anxiety, uncertainty, and controversy.

We will talk about how a Godly leader can move forward despite the unknown.

Category: Leadership

Real Talk: Fear, Vulnerability, Gifts, and Freedom - Sarah Denhart

The only way we can embrace the blessing of our influence is if we are free. As a follower of Jesus and a wife who has led in ministry for the last 20 years, I have come to embrace vulnerability as a pathway towards freedom. Join me as we authentically discuss pathways into real freedom.

Category: Leadership

From Acceptance to Mutuality - Brooke Palmer & Jeff Weldon

Most of us are serving on a church staff that includes both men and women. Much has been said about accepting women's voices around the leadership table. But, ideally, we must move past mere acceptance and towards mutuality. Let's explore what an environment of mutuality looks like from the unique perspectives of both genders, and discover practical next steps to move from acceptance to mutuality. (Co-lead with Brooke Palmer, the Associate Pastor at Journey's Crossing)

Category: Leadership

Leading Ministry God's Way - Vance Martin

If God calls us into ministry, then what does it feel like we're alone in it sometimes? The weight of leading a ministry, caring for volunteers, running events, and developing a strategy for the future can zap the passion and love for ministry... and for God right out of us. There is a better way, His way.

Category: Leadership

Doing Marriage and Ministry Well - Lydia Randall

In this breakout, learn helpful tips and ideas to create a beautiful marriage while navigating the joys and challenges of ministry. Gain practical information from Lydia Randall, who comes with experience as a pastor's kid, a pastor's wife, and years in full-time ministry. Discover dynamic insights and strategies for thriving in both home and ministry.

Category: Leadership

5 Challenges Only Woman in Leadership Will Understand - Trisha Peach

Women in church leadership face unique challenges, including, but not limited to, being truly embraced or having their voice heard and valued at "the table." Join this breakout to explore 5 challenges women in church leadership face, and how to face these challenges with confidence!

Category: Leadership

Category Key

Category	Description
LEADERSHIP	Leadership skills, pedagogy, sustainable leadership, women in leadership, next level leading.
VOLUNTEERS	Volunteer leadership basics, leading teams, developing leaders, culture setting.
TOUGH TOPICS	Topics that challenge the mind, heart, and spirit.
DISCIPLESHIP	Wide-ranging topics related to discipleship strategies for the children you serve.
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Approaches to and discipleship in early childhood.
SPECIAL NEEDS	Methodology, strategies, and ideas for special needs ministry.
BEYOND THE BASICS	Wide-ranging topics that go beyond a foundational focus, meant to inspire next-level thinking.
CULTURE AND COMMUNITY	Wide-ranging topics related to cultural competency (USA), children's ministry outside the US, reaching and building the communities that exist both in and outside your church.
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FOUNDATIONS	Foundational topics for children's ministry.
GRIEF AND TRAUMA COMPETENCY	Topics dealing with understanding grief and/or trauma and the role it plays in ministry to children and families.