

Series Title: 'Multiplying our Lives'

Subtitle: 'Emerging Leaders: Helping 18-30s develop skills for Life & Leadership'

1. Plenary Session: Multiplying our Lives

Blurb: Each of us has a vision for life whether we realise it or not. Vision helps ensure that we do not labour aimlessly or in vain. Jesus invested his life strategically in the lives of a few in order to see his life and ministry multiplied in the lives of others. This session seeks to lay a platform (based on the example of Jesus) for a vision to multiply our lives among the everyday people living, working and studying all around us. The session will be rooted both in the life and ministry of Jesus and in a lived out examples of putting this in practice in our lives today.

2. Seminar Sessions

Blurb: As part of the day there will also be two one hour seminar slots. In each slot there will be a selection of 3 seminars to choose from. Please read the seminar options below and **select the required seminar** during sign up.

Seminar Slot 1: Character Studies: Our first seminar slot seeks to help us learn from some of the OT key characters (Romans 15:4). If we want to multiply our lives we need to be people of faith, people who pray and people who walk closely with God.

Blurb 1a: Learning to believe God like Abraham

This first seminar focuses on Abraham who believed God and it was credited to Him as righteousness. God promises him repeatedly (see Genesis 12:1-3, 15, 17) that he would be the Father of many nations who would come through a son, Isaac. "Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed" (Romans 4) God and as a result saw his life multiplied through many generations of God's people. This seminar will think practically about how we can learn to believe God for those that God will give in exchange for our lives (Isaiah 43:4).

Blurb 1b: Learning to pray like Moses

Our second seminar focuses on Moses who we are told knew God 'face to face' (Deut 34:10). When the people of God rebelled against Him by building a golden calf (Exodus 32-34), Moses stood in the breach (Psalm 106:23) on their behalf. The way Moses intercedes before God has much to teach us about how we might also pray for others. This seminar will think practically about how prayer enables us to be part of God's appointed means to bring about God's appointed ends.

Blurb 1c: Learning to walk with God like David

Our final seminar focuses on David who was far from perfect (his slip-ups are well known) but was still a man who God said was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22). Moreover Paul described David as having "served God's purpose in his own generation" (Acts 13:36). David spent a lifetime experiencing God and he gave us a huge window into that deep knowledge of God through the Psalms that he wrote. This seminar will help us to think practically about how to grow our relationship with God.

Seminar Slot 2: Making Disciples: Our second seminar slot is aimed at helping us to think through what it might mean to help others to grow in their faith on their journey from infancy to adulthood and onto becoming parents.

Blurb 2a: Learning to disciple spiritual infants

This first seminar focuses on helping people take early steps of faith as spiritual infants. This is a crucial period as we seek to help others to build deep foundations of faith and begin to live out those convictions. We see this lived out in the lives of the young Thessalonian church and the way that Paul sought to share not only the gospel but their lives as well (1 Thess 2:7-12). This seminar seeks to help us to begin to take steps to develop a plan for how we might go about discipling a spiritual infant.

Blurb 2b: Learning to disciple spiritual young adults

This second seminar focuses on helping people take onward steps of faith into adulthood. The lessons learned from infancy can often get lost amidst the challenges that come during this phase of adulthood...issues that are often about character, motives and priorities. We see this in the life of the Church in Corinth who were caught up with all manner of issues from unity, division, sexual ethics, rights and spiritual one up-man-ship. This seminar seeks to help us begin to think about how we disciple people through these issues and through the challenges of life that come our way.

Blurb 2c: Learning to disciple spiritual parents

This final seminar focuses on helping us think about how we can have a generational impact: namely that we invest in disciples who are able to make disciples of others (2 Tim 2:2). In the book of Acts we see that Paul's whole strategy was to invest in a team of co-workers who travelled with him, laboured with him in specific places. It's an inspiring story of how Paul sought to inspire people to take up the vision to invest in the next generation in such a way that they could reproduce that emphasis on the next generation. This seminar seeks to help us think about how we disciple people to help others.