# **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

Friday, April 29 6:45pm - Check-in 7pm - Worship 7:15pm - Plenary by Pastor Nic Gibson 8:10pm - Break 8:25pm - Discussion groups 9pm – Dismissed

# Saturday, April 30

8:15am - Check-in and coffee 8:30am - Worship 8:45am - Plenary by Pastor Nic Gibson 9:15am - Break with snacks 9:40am - Breakout session 1 10:35am - Break 10:50am - Breakout session 2 11:45am - Appreciation lunch 1pm – Dismissed

# **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

# Session 1

# Small Groups: Developing New Leaders | with Lloyd Biddle

In this session, we will discuss how your small group can identify and seize opportunities to join Christ in His Kingdom work.

# Connections: The Hospitality Paradox | with Erin Hesse

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# Early Childhood: Teaching Successfully | with Charity Mahair

We will look at how to succeed in creating a fun classroom experience for some of our youngest attenders through appropriate curriculum, good classroom management and an understanding of child development.

#### Grade School: Doing KidsMin at High Point Church | with Gwen Schrader

We teach kids the Bible and how to live it daily. To do that, we also use classrooms, deal with safety, manage great and fun classrooms and facilities and are a part of something greater called High Point Church. Along with the Bible, we'll look at some other things that you need to know to minister well.

#### Students: Relationships Oriented By Discipleship | with Derick Valencik

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follow Jesus and own their faith. In this breakout, we will learn how to simply and organically be a disciple maker through our everyday relationships.

# **Prepared to Lead: Biblical, Practical Guidelines for Effective Worship Leading** | with Debbie Biddle

In this session, we will explore the importance of personal preparation and private worship to effective worship leading for instrumentalists and vocalists.

#### Mentoring | with Alexi Gibson and Mike Beresford

Who would you be without a lifetime of mentors? Biblical mentoring is one of the ways in which we become who God created us to be. Learn about a biblical model for mentoring, High Point's mentoring model, and whether God is calling you to mentor and to be mentored.

#### Ministry Communication | with Jill Reasa

We will explore the communications venues available at High Point Church, resources to create your own ministry materials, and the HPC communications process so that you will be empowered to communicate your ministry and message effectively.

**Praying With Others: The Often Forgotten Gift** | with Luke Zeka and Estel Beresford As a church, we have recently talked a lot about praying for people in the moment that they express a need. Yet, we can still shy away from doing so because it feels awkward or we are not sure what to say. In this breakout, we will learn how to pray powerful prayers for others and do so in a way that feels natural.

#### Tech: Becoming Invisible

The art of running tech on a Sunday morning is becoming invisible through seamless production so that people can engage with the elements of the service. In this class we'll be talking through some best practices for running ProPresenter and sound. We'll also have some fun and talk how we can grow as a tech ministry.

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# Grade School: Leading Children To Christ | with Heather Gunderson

Learn how to engage in and respond to salvation conversations with children. We will also spend time collaborating between Kids Ministry teams.

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# Worship Ministry: Stage Presence | with Vincent Pierri

This class will focus on how to handle ourselves on stage in a way that leads people into worship without being a distraction. We will all help each other grow in this area.

Adult Christian Education: Enhancing Your Teaching Methods | with Steve Lokker This session will highlight principles to equip teachers to deliver captivating and practical lessons. These concepts will enable you to engage and impact your audience, regardless of age, in a way that helps them live a life that reflects biblical, Christ-like truths.

# Communication Strategy | with Jill Reasa

As Christians, we know the most important message for all people — the Gospel. Everything that we do in ministry ties back to that message. In this breakout, we will discuss how to communicate effectively in a way that engages people with the Gospel, connects people into community, and empowers people to take their next steps in becoming substantive disciples.

**Congregational Care: Talking With People In Difficult Situations** | with Mike Beresford It can be a challenge to know what to say when people tell you their struggles. We will learn how you can use the Bible as an effective tool during these times. God wants to use each of us to come alongside one another to encourage and speak life into every situation.