

DISTRICTS 2019 STUDENT SEMINARS

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY SEMINARS

A READING TEACHER'S GUIDE TO READING PAST LEVITICUS (MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY)

1:00 & 2:00

Amy Friedl

No offense to the Book of Law, but the Bible can be difficult to read. And let's be honest...the average middle school attention span doesn't last longer than the latest Fortnite meme. So let's get real. We want to read the Bible, but we need ideas of how to make it real...cool...practical... ..purposeful...guilt-free. You pick the word, we'll give you a strategy. Join this reading teacher for some actual tried-and-true tips for making time for reading God's Word a real part of your day you actually look forward to!

EQUIP - FRIEND CARE (MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY)

2:00

Rennie Garda, Myles Hanson

A fun equipping and encouragement experience especially designed for middle school students and those who love them. Bring your Bible.

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3:00

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HIGH SCHOOL ONLY SEMINARS

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3:00 & 4:00

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COLLEGE CHAOS (JUNIORS & SENIORS ONLY)

3:00

Christine Anderson

You know you want to go to college but have no idea what you are looking for in a school or how to measure that. This lab will give you the tools to go through the process well. It will help you navigate the college search, the transition to college, and how to maximize the time while there.

SAME-SEX ATTRACTION AND BIBLICAL CLARITY (HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)

1:00

Nick Roen

Our culture is speaking loudly on issues like homosexuality and marriage. Sometimes it can be confusing to sort through the mess and figure out what is true. Is monogamous same-sex sexual activity really prohibited in the Bible? Is marriage really reserved for one man and one woman for life? Come hear about the Bible's beautiful picture for sexuality and discover how following God's design actually leads to flourishing in ways the culture can't imagine.

THE ALTERNATE SCRIPT FOR SAME-SEX ATTRACTION (HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)

2:00

Nick Roen

For those who are attracted to the same sex, the world has a loud message: "Be who you are. Don't live a repressed life. Fulfill your desires and love whoever you want." As Christians, we reject the secular script of human sexual fulfillment. But is there more to offer Christians who are same-sex attracted than a simple "No" to their desires for intimacy and love? Does the church have an "Alternate Script" that is BETTER than the secular script? Come hear about the beautiful "Yes!" offered in Christ.

GIRLS ONLY SEMINARS

MODESTY, DATING AND DUDES (GIRLS ONLY)

1:00

Liv Ryan

This seminar is for anyone who struggles with negative body image, comparison, or addiction. Liv will share her story about modeling and being enslaved to body image. But more importantly, she will share how the Lord set her free and longs to set you free. You are not alone, and there is freedom to be found.

Q&A GIRLS ONLY (GIRLS ONLY)

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GUYS ONLY SEMINARS

YOUNGBLOOD! I WANT IT BUT I DON'T! (GUYS ONLY)

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GENERAL SEMINARS

#RUHOOKED - HOW YOU CAN BE GODLY ONLINE

1:00 & 4:00

Jonathon Smith

Social Media is a part of all our lives but how do you know if you spend too much time online? Connecting with friends is great but are you leaving God and family and other relationships in the real world out? Learn the place of social media in your life and how to honor God online and off.

#RUHOOKED – STAYING SAFE ONLINE

2:00

Jonathon Smith

Does the Bible talk about staying safe online? Can a book as old as the Bible help protect you online? The answer is yes! Learn from the Bible how to stay safe online and learn how to use the technology that connects us all together to help stay safe and honor God online.

A BIBLICAL VISION FOR COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS

1:00 & 2:00

Patrick Gilliam

Colossians 3:17 says, "And WHATEVER you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." The word "whatever" means that bringing glory to God must be a goal in EVERYTHING we do, including our efforts on the athletic field. This seminar will discuss what it means to truly glorify God through the unique opportunity presented in competitive athletics, and how coaches and athletes can integrate God's Word into their play.

BECOMING HEALTHY AND WELL

4:00

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CHRISTIANITY, LOGIC & SCIENCE

4:00

Jay Seegert

This is an extremely logical approach to examining the Christian faith, focusing on (1) the existence of God and (2) the inspiration of the Bible. You'll have a much better understanding of the Christian worldview and be more confident when sharing it with others.

CREATION TO CHRIST - THE OLD TESTAMENT IN A NUTSHELL

2:00

Jay Seegert

Even though we know a fair amount about Jesus, many Christians don't know much about the Old Testament. This talk turns a bunch of seemingly disconnected, confusing events into one continuous story and will greatly deepen your understanding and appreciation for God's Word!

DISCIPLE - WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO KNOW, FOLLOW AND BE LIKE JESUS?

3:00

Dr. Gregory Carlson

When Jesus said, "Go and make disciples . . ." what did He intend for a student world today? Let's consider the potential next steps in this process, even if you are just starting to think about it. For all students and those who want to see discipleship happen.

DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP

1:00

Chris Stukenberg

How do I lead well? What do I need to do to keep growing? How can I lead and maintain my integrity? We will be talking about principles and concepts to be a leader of integrity and effective disciple-maker in today's world. Expect to interact and ask burning questions.

EVERYDAY THEOLOGY

2:00

Chris Stukenberg

We will consider the basics of Christianity and then move into how it informs and guides everyday life. Good theology leads to good practice, good worship and good mission. Let's think and grow together!

EVOLUTION: EVIDENCES PRESENTED IN YOUR TEXTBOOKS

1:00

Jay Seegert

Evolution is presented as a "fact" in most textbooks. This presentation examines the alleged evidences they discuss and exposes the truth behind each one.

FROM MAFIA TO MINISTRY AND PRISON TO PRAISE

1:00

Philip Delre

Come and hear the true story of the man arrested with the largest cocaine seizure in the history of the state, how God got a hold of his life in prison and how he now travels the world for Christ.

GENESIS & THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

3:00

Jay Seegert

This talk gives an overview of the creation vs. evolution controversy and will greatly strengthen your faith in the Bible and help you to not be intimidated by science!

GROW - WHAT KEY PRINCIPLES GUIDE MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

1:00

Dr. Gregory Carlson

Spiritual growth doesn't happen automatically. What are the purposes, best practices (spiritual disciplines) and practical ideas to help myself and other students mature in Christlikeness? For students who know Christ and want to take the next step

THE GREATEST DEMONSTRATION OF POWER ANYONE HAS EVER SEEN

2:00

Philip Delre

From college professors to prison inmates, to youth groups, many people have said this was the most amazing, mind-blowing, life-changing message they have ever heard! You'll get a college-level education in the whole Bible in 45 minutes!

HOW TO BECOME AS BOLD AS A LION

4:00

Philip Delre

Overcoming the Fear of Man leads to living the abundant life Jesus Speaks of. The only fear ordained by God is the fear of God and when you fear Him, you don't fear anything else!

IF GOD IS GOOD, WHY IS THERE SO MUCH EVIL?

3:00

Philip Delre

This is the number one question skeptics ask. The answers cover Lucifer becoming Satan, God's love, and your choices. This is one message you won't want to miss.

LEAD - IS THERE A WAY TO DEVELOP MYSELF AND MY FRIENDS FOR LEADERSHIP?

2:00

Dr. Gregory Carlson

Jesus and Paul (fairly sound leaders, right?) seemed to use a four-stage process for developing leaders. What can students (and their mentors) do to mimic that process? For students who want to take the next step in leading.

TRUSTING GOD THRU HARD TIMES

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THE REALITY OF PORNOGRAPHY

4:00

Chris Stukenberg

It doesn't hurt anyone. I am the worst worm of them all. The problems with pornography are so immense and deep. We will cover this topic and give a gospel-centered approach and process to work through it and help others.

IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

2:00

Tim Hoeksema

During this seminar you will learn what shapes your identity, value and worth, and how this affects the way you view yourself and your friends. In the end you will walk away with a solid Biblical foundation and practical tools that will help you make disciples of Jesus in your everyday life, as you are empowered by the Holy Spirit. Come ready to learn, leave equipped!

Q & A - FOR STUDENTS & ADULT LEADERS

4:00

Tim Hoeksema

Join us for a questions/answer time following Tim Hoeksema's seminars; IDENTITY: Who Am I?, MOTIVES: Why do I do what I do?, and Cultivating Humility as Leaders. This time will prove to be fruitful as we interact on any questions people may have about these seminars.

JESUS' DISCIPLEMAKING SECRET SAUCE

2:00

Bill Allison

There so much talk about following Jesus these days, but what does that REALLY look like in real life? That's exactly what we'll explore and unpack. You might never be the same.

LEADERSHIP TRAITS TO LIVE BY (FROM A MARINE URBAN RECON SNIPER)

1:00 & 2:00

Shane Melenbacker

Relationships are built on the foundation of trust. Quality leadership is built on the foundation of trust. Without trust both relationships and leadership will falter. Every Marine is taught 14 leadership traits and this session will show how those same traits are just as important in life leadership as they are in the battlefield. The earlier these traits are applied the sooner you will become a quality leader.

MOTIVES: WHY DO I DO WHAT I DO?

3:00

Tim Hoeksema

Knowing what motivates us is foundational to every decision we make. Checking our motives by praying, seeking truth and asking our trusted friends for help is key to living an intentional life guided by Biblical truths. Come join us as we learn together!

SPORTS AND FAITH

3:00 & 4:00

Logan Koerten

If you're an athlete, enjoy competing, or are just interested in what to do with sports and faith, this session is for you! How do we as Christians navigate living in a culture and world that's often obsessed with sports and performance? How can a relationship with Jesus powerfully influence the competitive & athletic aspects of our lives? What's even the purpose of playing sports? Come engage, learn, and begin to ask questions about how we can grow in our understanding of who we are as both Christ followers and athletes.

UNSEMINAR - PRAYER

1:00, 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00

Marcus Constantine

Come and experience time alone with your Savior as you interact with Him around some self guided prayer stations. Each un-seminar will start with a short introduction and then you will be free to journey at your own pace. We will also have members of the Districts Prayer team available to pray with and or for you during this time.

WHEN ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE STRATEGIES FOR WORKING THROUGH THE CHAOS OF LIFE

3:00 & 4:00

Aaron King

Your parents are fighting... you don't make the team... you lose a relationship or friend group... At some point, the wheels come off of life's bus for all of us. Come to be encouraged and given healthy ways to walk through life's rough seasons.

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