

# BREAKOUTS

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Room 210	Shabbat Shalom: The Art of Sabbath Rest - Sarah Bordewick	Complementarianism - What is it and what does it have to do with me? - Barb Troeger

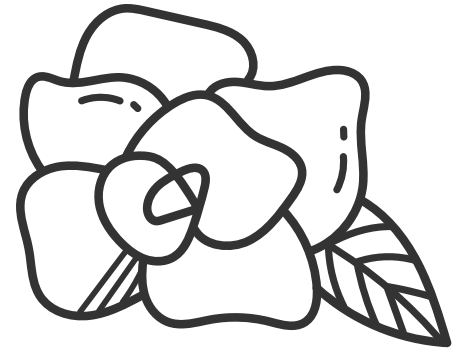
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# BREAKOUT DESCRIPTIONS

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## 40 Prayers for My Prodigal

Rita Klundt - Liberty, Pekin

The Bible holds messages of hope for parents of prodigals as their children drift from faith and the church. Gather with others to explore these scriptural truths, gain practical tools, and leave with a copy of "40 Prayers for My Prodigal and Me."

## Afraid to Hope: Finding Strength in God's Promises

Melissa Pryer - Ten Mile, McLeansboro

The circumstances of life can leave us feeling shattered, empty, and afraid to hope again. Fear can be paralyzing. Hope can feel distant. How do we move from surviving to thriving? Together, we will examine the truths of scripture and find strength to step forward wherever we are on the journey.

## Beautiful Submission

Alyssa Caudill - Carmi First

What comes to mind when you think of the word "submission"? Weakness? Doormat? Strength? Authority? Whether you are married, single, employee, CEO, student, ministry leader or volunteer, God has called you to submit. False views of submission cause us to bristle against the idea, but Biblical submission is beautiful and embraceable. Come gain clarity on Biblical Submission and God's design to use your submission for His glory.

## Caring for the Caregiver

Julie Dupree - The Journey, Peoria

Self-care for caregivers is important, but often overlooked. Discover practical strategies to manage stress, set boundaries, and build a support network. Attendees will gain tools to prioritize their own well-being while preventing burnout and maintaining balance in their caregiving roles.

## Clothed with God in the Marketplace

Sylvie Raquel - McHenry First

Are you a nurse, a teacher, a computer analyst, a graphic designer, or anything in between? Do you feel defeated or inadequate as God's witness in your profession? Do you love Jesus, understand the Great Commission, embrace the calling, but fall short of applying these principles in the marketplace? In this session, we will present simple, biblical principles that you can apply at work to be a successful witness for Christ.



## Complementarianism – What is it and what does it have to do with me?

**Barb Troeger, Executive Office Manager at the Illinois Baptist State Association**

You may have heard this word floating around and thought it just applies to women who want to enter vocational ministry; however, it applies to all women in the church. Come and learn how this beautiful biblical model makes a healthy church and leads to positive church culture.

## Disability and the Church

**Joni & Friends (Vanessa Robinson & John Fela)**

What is the culture of your church regarding people living with disability? Is your church welcoming and a place of belonging for people with disabilities? Joni and Friends will show you what a fully inclusive and welcoming church looks like, and how the church can become a place of belonging for people of all abilities.

## Education vs Engagement: How to Turn Your Content into Social Media Posts

**Zach Pratt - National WMU**

Writer, teachers, and ministers already have a wealth of content to use for social media. The question is how do you turn books, studies, and lessons into posts that people will actually see?

## Embracing Harmony

**Diane Nix - Contagious Joy**

How do we agree to disagree without anger and division? How do not stand in judgment of someone we think is wrong? How do we work alongside people who do not have the same theology or personality? Unity is one of the most crucial aspects of Christian community. Paul exhorts believers to make every effort to maintain unity, highlighting that unity requires intentionality and effort. Together we make up the body of Christ. In this breakout we will discover and discuss what it takes to “agree to disagree” to experience unity and work for the common goal of sharing Jesus with the world.

## Empowering Women to Serve in the Church

**Scott Foshie - IBSA**

How can the pastor encourage and affirm the equipping of women to take on leadership roles within church ministries? In this session, we will explore and provide practical examples of how pastors can do this in areas like teaching, prayer, and operations.

## Faith at Work: Integrating Your Beliefs in the Workplace


**Rhonda Johnson - Destiny, Rock Island**

Practical advice on how to live out your faith in a professional environment without compromising values.

## Finding the Right Fit Discovering Your Child's Unique Learning Style

**Lisa Woodman - Emmanuel, Carlinville**

Explore how to identify and nurture your child's unique learning style to help them thrive academically and personally. Learn practical strategies to support your child's strengths, adapt your approach, and create a positive, tailored learning environment that fosters their growth and success.







## Finding Your Identity in Christ

**Sarah Bordewick - Mt. Zion First**

How to reject the pressure to "do it all" and rest in God's grace and purpose for your life.

## Finding Peace in the midst of Anxiety & Stress

**Jane Geggus - Unity, Granite City**

Anxiety and stress can feel overwhelming, but it's possible to cultivate a sense of calm even during the most challenging times. Explore practical techniques and strategies to help you manage stress, reduce anxiety, and find inner peace. Whether you're struggling with daily stressors or looking to build resilience, this session will provide you with valuable tools to create moments of tranquility in your life.

## First Encounters with People in Need

**Andrew Mann - Graffiti 2 Bronx**

We all have had a similar experience. Someone asks, "Can I get a buck?" Or while in Walmart someone asks, "Can I get money for diapers?" We can't help but think, "Is this really for diapers?" What do we do? How do we respond? Jesus teaches us what to do when we encounter people in need. This session will provide simple principles and best-practices that we can immediately put into practice when we encounter people in need.

## Forgiveness & Reconciliation in Relationships

**Aubrey Shelby - Rochester First**

How to practice forgiveness in difficult relationships, and why reconciliation is essential in the body of Christ.

## Greater Things: Leading with Kingdom Vision

**Tiffany Smith - SEND Network**

What does true greatness or success look like in life and ministry? In a world chasing after speed and status, Kingdom leadership flips the script: small is big, the last rise first, weakness turns to strength, and everything flows out of abiding well in Christ. Whether you're leading yourself, a team, or an organization, join us to wrestle with these tensions and realign our framework of measuring success through the lens of God's greater things.

## Helping a New Believer Learn to Follow Christ


**Lindsay Wineinger - Woodland, Peoria**

Helping a new believer put down roots to grow in their relationship with Christ. Prayer/Bible/Church Community.

## Honing the Craft: Writing with Excellence

**Michelle Hicks - Lifeway**

Discover the tools and techniques to refine your writing and create content that resonates deeply with your audience. In this session, you will learn how to structure your pieces for clarity and engagement, find and develop your unique writing voice, and master the art of editing for maximum impact. Through hands-on exercises and practical tips, you'll leave equipped to elevate your writing to new levels of excellence.





## How Does it Make You Feel When Someone Doesn't Say Thank You?

Gregory Scott & Danna Williamson - Carle Health

Gratitude is important and plays a key role in enhancing teamwork and collaboration while decreasing compassion fatigue. Explore techniques for incorporating gratitude into your daily life.

## How to be a Naomi in 2025

Amanda Neibel, Teresa McIlrath, Alecia Schnaiter - Angels' Cove

Becoming a pillar of support and inspiration to millions of women who are facing challenges across the globe, offering both comfort and empowerment.

## It Only Takes a Spark to get a Fire Going

Jennifer Smith - Lincoln Avenue, Jacksonville

We know we're called to share the gospel wherever God places us. We know the Holy Spirit equips us to spread His message of hope and new life to others. So why are gospel conversations so difficult to initiate? How can we be more effective ambassadors of Christ in 2025? Come join this discussion and take away some practical ways to overcome the most common hangups that keep us silent.

## Knit Together: Unity within Community with & Without Disability

Hadley Stephens - Metropolis First

Discover practical steps that you can implement into your life/ministry to foster inclusion and deepen connections for individuals with disabilities. Explore the journey of Rolling in Faith, a nonprofit disability ministry who fosters a community of believers with and without disabilities united by their love for Christ.

## Learning to Exegete Scripture for Writing and Teaching

Michelle Hicks - Lifeway

This breakout on exegesis and basic hermeneutics is designed to guide you through foundational methods to interpret the Bible accurately. In an interactive environment, you'll learn tools for understanding the historical context, literary genres, and original audience that shape each passage. This session will equip you with essential skills to approach God's Word with clarity and confidence to explore the depths of Scripture. Whether you are writing, teaching, or studying on your own, come learn with us!

## Loving the Children of Your Community who Have Parents Behind Bars

John Brennon - Prison Fellowship

Helping the children and families break a cycle of hopelessness by providing a gift from their parent. Learn how your church can connect to children closest to your local church, building relationships that deliver hope all year long, and it can all begin with a simple gift. (Prison Fellowship Angel Tree)

## Managing Time and Productivity with Technology

April Tennyson - Immanuel, Benton

Explore practical ways to use apps like calendars, to-do lists, and note-taking tools to stay organized in both personal and ministry life. Focus on balancing family, work, and spiritual commitments with tech-based strategies for effective time management.







## Navigating Difficult Conversations with your Children

Alyssa Merritt - Tabernacle, Decatur

How to discuss sensitive topics (sexuality, peer pressure, faith) with children in loving and faith centered way.

## Needs are Everywhere: How Can my Church Respond

Andrew Mann - Graffiti 2 Bronx

Everywhere we look, there are problems and people with need. What should we do about it? Should we even care or should we just focus on heaven? In this session, we will look at both why and how our churches can respond to the needs of people in our neighborhoods and communities.

## Prayer: Duty, Discipline, or Delight?

Jennifer Smith - Lincoln Avenue, Jacksonville

Ready to move beyond the shallows into a vibrant relational prayer journey with Christ? Biblical prayer is so much more than a means just to have your needs met. Together we'll explore and re-align ourselves according to God's perspective and purposes in prayer. Come and discover renewed motivation, commitment, and confidence that prayer is at the center of your relationship with Jesus.

## Reaching Boomers is Harder than Reaching Gen Z and Gen Alpha

Zach Pratt - National WMU

After we pick up our jaws off the floor, let's discuss why this surprising title is reality. And, then, let's encourage each other with simple tools to reach the next generation for Christ.

## Rediscovering Israel: A Biblical Journey

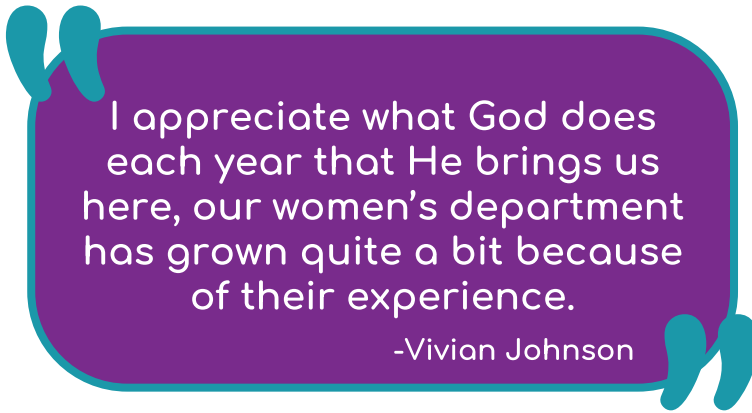
Norma Webb - Whittington

Join us for an immersive exploration of Israel through Kristi McClelland's *Rediscovering Israel*. As we connect the biblical narrative to the land, culture, and history, we'll uncover how Jesus' life and teachings are still deeply relevant to our lives today. This journey will invite you to experience the Scriptures in a new way, strengthening your faith and helping you see how the ancient stories speak directly to your walk with Jesus in the present.

## Roof Raising Friends

Ronda Jolly - Heartland, Alton, Starla Dunn - Prince Avenue, Hannibal, Julie Dupree - The Journey, Peoria

Relationships are key—who would you risk everything for, carrying them through challenges to bring them before Jesus? Discover how your church can embody that spirit of friendship, using wellness initiatives to reach out and support those in need within your community.



I appreciate what God does each year that He brings us here, our women's department has grown quite a bit because of their experience.

-Vivian Johnson





## **Sacred Connections: Turning Loneliness into a Catalyst for Kingdom Growth**

**Tiffany Smith - SEND Network**

The ache of loneliness and hunger for authentic connection in our culture invites us to step into these spaces with presence and spiritual gravitas. We have a unique opportunity to model a radical way of being - rooted in deep transformational relationships. Discover how to reclaim the lost art of friendship, gospel neighboring, and Kingdom community; start small and allow God to catalyze "move-mental" growth!

## **Shabbat Shalom: The Art of Sabbath Rest**

**Sarah Bordewick - Mt. Zion First**

In a world that is screaming at us to Go, Go, Go, Don't Stop, Never Back Down, Just Do It, Hustle, Sleep When You're Dead, we have a God who lovingly commands us to rest and trust. Trust that He will provide beyond measure and that He alone is enough.

## **Spiritual Warfare: Authority to Break Demonic Strongholds**

**Bruce Kugler - Bruce Kugler Ministries**

Believers are in the middle of a spiritual war with the powers of darkness. Knowing how to apply God's Word equips us with the necessary tools to fight back and live victoriously. In this breakout session, you will learn how to use your authority over the powers of darkness to bind demon spirits who tempt, hinder evangelism, and thwart ministry. You will also learn how to remove demonic spirits.

## **Tech-Savvy Notes: Mastering Your Tablet for Organization and Productivity**

**Patty Wysong - Cornerstone, Marion**

Discover practical tips and tricks for using your iPad to take effective notes, organize documents, and boost productivity. Learn how to leverage apps and features to stay organized, create digital study materials, and manage your notes efficiently.

## **The Now & Not Yet: The Essentials of Christian Estate Planning**

**Doug Morrow - BFI, Springfield**

As followers of Jesus Christ, we simply do things differently. One of our chief differences is how we think about "things" and the "stuff" we manage. How do we "honor the Lord with our wealth" by caring for relatives and by advancing the Kingdom of God? We'll explore this question and address the four key things that every great estate plan needs in this presentation."

## **Walking in Step with the Holy Spirit**

**Sylvie Raquel - McHenry First**

The Holy Spirit is the most misunderstood person of the Trinity, either over-celebrated or ignored. Yet, Jesus said in John 14:26 that the Holy Spirit will teach believers all things, so Christians cannot grow without Him. In this session, we will uncover the biblical view of the Spirit and discuss how it impacts the Christian walk.

## **Walking through the Valley: When Life Disappoints but God Doesn't**

**Charlene Moe - Chatham B.C.**

How to handle the pain of loss whether a dream, a loved one, a marriage, or a life stage through the comfort and hope found in God.

