



Breakout Sessions

Growing in Prayer* | Being Bold and Connected to Jesus Through Prayer

Leader: Amanda Rodriguez and Stefanie Ottmar

Offered during breakout #1

Prayer isn't just for adults - it has the power to transform young lives! In this session designed for teens, we will explore what it means to have a real, personal conversation with God. Through biblical teaching, honest discussions, and hands-on prayer activities, you'll learn how to pray with confidence, listen for God's voice, and use prayer as a way to live out Jesus's love in your everyday life.

Developing Prayer Rhythms* with Creative Crafting

Leader: Gerrylynn Ferguson and Lea Jerdon

Offered during breakout #1 and #2

Prayer is more than a habit - it is the heartbeat of a life devoted to loving Jesus. In this hands-on workshop, we will explore how to develop and maintain intentional prayer practices. As a tangible reminder of your commitment to prayer, you will design and create your own prayer bead bracelet.

United in Prayer | Deepening Our Collective Devotion to Jesus with Corporate Prayer

Leader: Dionne Wilhelm

Offered during breakout #1 and #2

Prayer is not just a personal practice - it is a unifying act that strengthens the body of Christ and fuels our mission to share His love. In this session, we will explore the purpose and power of corporate prayer and how praying together in "one accord" unifies us as believers, encourages our faith, and empowers us to impact our church and our communities. This session is perfect for any level of experience or familiarity with group prayer. We will discuss practical ways to both lead and participate in corporate prayer, and then experience a time of guided prayer using a format that promotes fellowship, unity, and kingdom focus.

Standing in the Gap | Making Jesus's Love Known through the Power of Intercessory Prayer

Panel moderator: Carolyn Hulliberger

Panelists: Robin Whelan, Sunshine Ristow, and Jen Freeman

Offered during breakout #2

Prayer is more than mere words - it is a powerful act of faith that bridges the gap between heaven and earth, inviting God's presence, power, and love into the lives of others. In this dynamic panel discussion, we will explore what intercessory prayer is, why it matters, and how we can grow in it as individuals praying for our loved ones and communities. Learn to serve as conduits of God's love and power in a hurting world.

Listening in Prayer | Discovering the Transformative Power of Attentive Prayer

Leaders: Elizabeth Cole and Maddie Feder

Offered during breakout #1 and #2

Prayer is not just about speaking to God - it is also about listening for God's voice so we can be transformed by His presence, shaping us to share His love with others in powerful and meaningful ways. In this session, we will explore how to be still and attentive in prayer. We will engage in the ancient practice of Lectio Divina, a reflective way of praying through Scripture that helps us slow down, listen deeply, and encounter Jesus personally.

Prayer of Lament | Crying Out in Faith

Leader: Jen Wollner

Offered during breakout #1 and #2

Prayer is more than just asking for what we want - it is an honest conversation with God, where we bring our whole selves before Him, including our suffering. In this session, we will explore the power of lamentation prayer, a biblical practice of crying out to God in times of pain, frustration, and loss. Lament is an act of faith, trusting that God hears, cares, and responds. Through Scripture and discussion, you will learn the structure and purpose of lament. Leave equipped to deepen your relationship with Christ, strengthening your witness to His love as we walk alongside others in pain.

Written Prayer | Drawing Closer to Jesus through Journaling

Leaders: Susan Klein and Jodi Wenz

Offered during breakout #1 and #2

Prayer does not have to be perfect - it can be a raw and honest expression of your thoughts to God. In this interactive workshop, we will put pen to paper and explore how to use journaling as a tool for prayer, helping us to listen to God, and express our hearts. Through guided prompts, creative exercises, and biblical reflection, you'll learn practical ways to record prayers, document answered prayers, and use Scripture as a foundation for journaling. As we cultivate a habit of written prayer, we can also discover how sharing our prayers and testimonies can make His love known to others.