

Breakouts – Ignite 2024 – All Locations

*Locations of speakers - DSM – Des Moines | COS – Colorado Springs | OSW - Oswego

Bill Allison (DSM, COS, OSW)

- **Why Volunteers Quit and What You Can Do About It**
(Adults)

Volunteers quit for lots of reasons, but what can you do about it? We'll explore seven practical ways for retaining great volunteers.

- **Learning to Lead in My Youth Group – 7 Dos and Don'ts for Student Leaders**
(Students)

What can we learn from Jesus and his disciples about spiritual leadership? Bring your Bible, a friend, and a sense of humor.

- **Becoming a Welcoming Youth Group: How to create an inviting space for teens.**
(Students and Adults)

For some teens it's hard to make friends and for others it's a struggle to go to youth group. In this session Bill will talk about how to create an atmosphere of love and culture in your ministry that is inviting.

Julia Baird (DSM, OSW)

- **A Voice, a Dream, or a Blueprint? Is God Calling Me to Missions?**
(Students and Adults)

What does it mean to be "called of God?" Do you see yourself as being called to serve God with your life? Does every Christian have a calling, or just a special few? How do you know if or when God is calling you to a particular assignment? This session will help you develop a biblical understanding of calling and ways to discern God's leading in your life, with an emphasis on the calling to missions.

Brian Bozarth (COS)

- **Finding God's Will...Not What You Think.**
(Students)

Transitioning into Adulthood.

Ken Castor (DSM, COS, OSW)

- **Your Part: How You Fit into the Dynamic of the Church**
(Students and Adults)

Did you know that you are part of a massive, historical, world-changing, next-generation social network?! By looking at real people in real places during real times in the Bible, this engaging workshop will explore how the Church is set up to withstand every threat and empowered to share Jesus with every culture everywhere.

- **Loud Time Devotions: Change your world through daily time with God**

(Students and Adults)

God's Word is living and active. Faith without the Bible dries up and shuts up. But time spent every day in God's Word kick starts your soul and impacts people around you. This workshop will help you turn your "quiet time" with God into a deeply meaningful habit that propels you with the power of God's missional calling on your life.

- **How to Lead a Better Small Group**
(Adults)

Small groups can be a catalyst for inspirational fellowship and growth... or they can be draining spawns of destruction. Which kind is yours? This workshop will offer 4 Tips on improving small group dynamics.

Kathy Craig (COS, OSW)

- **How and Why to Share Jesus with Friends & Others!**
(Students and Adults)

In this breakout you will learn how to clearly share the gospel message. In addition, you will learn three simple ways to start gospel conversations.

- **Tips & Strategies for Starting & Leading a Christian Club & Reaching Your Campus for Christ**
(Students and Adults)

In this breakout you will learn all the "Ins" and "Outs" of how to start & lead a Christian Club in your school. You will also learn exciting ways your club can give the whole school an opportunity to hear the gospel.

Frank Figueroa (DSM, COS, OSW)

- **Gender and Sexual Preference are Morally Subjective – True or False?**
(Students and Adults)

We will look at what the Bible says, and what the Bible doesn't say, regarding sexual preference and gender, and compare that with the scientific and cultural narratives that are being presented to our culture.

- **My Identity is My Choice**
(Students and Adults)

Are our identities a matter of our choosing or are there God ordained characteristics that shape who we are regardless of our choices? We look at the top 10 identity topics that teens and young adults are faced with choices on and examine what the Scripture says about these identities.

- **Common Sense Tells Us We Can't Trust the Bible – True or False?**
(Students and Adults)

In this breakout, we offer a foundational lesson in basic Christian apologetics and how having the wrong worldview can warp our perspective. Can we trust the Bible? Come and find out.

Doug Franklin (OSW)

- **Building a Healthy Youth Ministry**
(Adults)

In this seminar, Doug Franklin will help you construct a healthy youth ministry. Connecting mission, strategy, and programming with results. An effective youth ministry that builds momentum has everyone on the same page and going in the same direction. Come learn how to construct and communicate how to lead an effective youth ministry.

- **Moving Students from Participants to Leaders**
(Adults)

The Leadership Pathway is a tool designed to help you answer the question, “How do I develop leaders in my school?” Join Doug Franklin as he teaches through this simple, practical, and straightforward approach to leadership development that can help you train and equip student leaders, moving them from participants to leaders. You’ll learn five steps that include: Invite, Discover, Equip, Risk, and Sharpen.

- **Discipleship Strategies for Youth Ministry**
(Students and Adults)

The promise of youth ministry is more than just knowledge—it's discipleship. Join Doug as he takes an intentional look at how to integrate discipleship and youth ministry. Learn practical tips and tricks for building meaningful relationships, sharing personal stories, asking intentional questions, helping students make life applications, and holding students accountable.

Josh Griffin (DSM, COS, OSW)

- **Student Leaders: How to Have Vision**
(Students)

Learn from Josh Griffin, junior high pastor and veteran youth worker on how to have a vision for your school, your youth group, and sharing the Gospel with your life, calling and career.

- **One Job: Jumpstarting Loving Your Neighbor**
(Students and Adults)

What are you going to do for the rest of your life? What do you want to be when you grow up. Spoiler alert: whatever you want to be, also be sure to understand your life calling that is bigger than just your vocation. Understand you have one job!

Jerrod Gunter (DSM)

- **Takeoff to Touchdown: How to start, maintain and wrap up Gospel conversations!**
(Students and Adults)

Training People to Share the Gospel any time anywhere any place.

- **Riotstarter: Building Contagious Movements**
(Students and Adults)

City Vision: Whatever we invest in the next generation... they will take to culture! We want to prioritize Mobilizing students and leaders to take the gospel to our cities and start movements that will change and counterculture. Let's Make a Move ...and Start a movement!

D.A. Horton (OSW)

- **SendFluence: How to use your gifts and influence while being sent out on Jesus' mission**
(Students and Adults)

Most people want to serve God on Mission, but few know the practical steps to take. Join DA for this session as he explains how your gifts, combined with your influence can be used to help grow the Kingdom of God around you.

Elicia Horton (OSW)

- **Learning to Grieve Well**
(Students and Adults)

Join Elicia as she talks about turning grief from an unwanted house guest into a faithful companion. This session is full of practical illustrations and Biblical insight to help you navigate tough times.

Jon Jorgenson (DSM, COS, OSW)

- **Purpose Problems: How to find your purpose or calling in Christ.**
(Students)

If you are confused about what to do next, don't worry, so was I. In this session, we will learn better questions to ask when discerning God's purpose for our lives.

- **Better Leadership Now: Becoming a leader that others will follow.**
(Adults)

Investing in yourself as a leader is one of the best investments you can make in your ministry. In this session, we will examine Biblical Principles of leadership found in the life of Jesus and discuss how we can apply them to our unique ministry settings.

Carl Kerby (DSM)

- **Tools to Become Bold in Today's Culture!**
(Adults)

Carl addresses the alarming trend of the church losing its youth. Examine causes and propose solutions rooted in biblical authority. Advocate for teaching a robust defense of faith.

- **What about...Ai?**
(Students and Adults)

We invite you to engage with us in a thought-provoking discussion that explores the intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Christian beliefs, examining both AI's potential blessings and ethical challenges.

- **3 Tools Satan Uses to Deceive**

(Students and Adults)

Unravel Satan's deceptive tools: doubt, lies, and misinterpretation of Scripture. Explore practical ways to overcome these tactics, claiming victory in Christ. Join Carl Kerby in this insightful talk.

[Trip Lee \(DSM\)](#)

- **Where to Find True Strength**

(Students & Adults)

In this session, we'll talk about navigating our weaknesses, as well as the ways God uses them to show his power. We'll be looking at 2 Corinthians 12.

[Dan Mattix \(OSW\)](#)

- **Keeping Your Team Energized and Excited about Worship Ministry**

(Students & Adults)

In this practical workshop, learn the tools of the trade that will give you a renewed vision and passion for serving and leading in worship ministry. Also, bring your questions and real ministry issues for troubleshooting and brainstorming.

A breakout session for the whole team - singers, band members, audio/technology team, and adult sponsors - anyone interested in worship ministry in your local context.

[Jonathan Meyer \(DSM, COS, OSW\)](#)

- **Developing a Youth Leadership Team; Practical Tips & How To Ideas to Let Students Lead (DSM, COS, OSW)**

(Students & Adults)

Jesus gave ministry away to His disciples. He equipped, challenged, and put them in positions to stretch them, grow them and prepare them. It's not really a secret sauce of youth ministry, but like Jesus, it's time we start giving students more opportunities to lead.

- **Discipleship 101 – How to Dream, Build and Sustain a Disciple-Making Culture (DSM, OSW, COS)**

(Students & Adults)

Let's be honest, everyone talks about making disciples, but very few can show you what it looks like. Starting from Scripture, we will follow Jesus' footsteps all over Galilee to see what he taught, how he lived and what he expected from his own disciples.! Then we will ask – how do we do that in our local context?

- **Spare Parts (DSM, COS, OSW)**

(Students & Adults)

The parts include: 12 topics every student ministry should talk about; promotions that students love & key ingredients that make a great youth group meeting. If you are struggling

with “reasons students don’t come back” and want to offer “youth gatherings that attract students” this session is for you.

Andrew Nippert (DSM)

- **Ministry, Mayhem, and Middle-School: Perspectives and Tips on Building a Meaningful Middle School Ministry**
(Adults)

The challenges and joys of middle school ministry are unique. Does your program allow for the distinctive needs of tweens and in-betweens? Do you find it hard to balance your ministry goals with the maturity level of the students? Do you have a hard time attracting or retaining Middle School students? This breakout will dive into some of the peculiarities of Middle School Ministry and offer some principles that can take your program to the next level!

Shane Pruitt (COS)

- **How to Share the Gospel with my Lost Friends**
(Students & Adults)

Sharing the Gospel can be scary and intimidating. What do I say? I can I be intentional around my spiritually lost friends and family. Let’s talk about very practical ways to do this.

- **What We Need to Know About Reaching the Next Generation**
(Adults)

What are the eight things that every leader needs to know about Reaching, Discipling, and Mobilizing students with the Gospel? Let’s discuss how we can help the next generation be the *right now* church.

Sean Rafferty (DSM)

- **So, what’s next for me? Transitioning from High School to REAL life!**
(Students)

Have you ever wondered what you would do after High School? Good News! The Bible has so much to say about following God through the transitions of life. Make a great decision and join Sean as he unpacks some of the Biblical principles of transitioning well.

Eric Samuel Timm (OSW)

- **Jesus is Coming Back: Are you Ready?**
(Students & Adults)

Daniel is one of the most important books regarding prophecy and Christ’s Return. And even though there are different thoughts on how the end times will play out, one thing is for certain; Jesus is coming back. This session isn’t for the faint of heart, so bring your Bible and get ready.

Molly Sanborn (DSM) / Craig Sanborn (DSM)

- **Keep Your Pants On! (Molly Sanborn)**
(Students and Adults)

Molly tackles the tricky topics of love, sex, and dating with humor, truth, and lots of stories from students just like you. Her message has been shared countless times across the country in school assemblies, camps, conferences, and churches. She makes an awkward subject fun, funny, and at times hilarious. Her personal journey will inspire you, and the truth she shares about God's plan for sex will leave you equipped and encouraged.

- **Lessons from a Love Story (Molly and Craig Sanborn)**
(Students and Adults)

Don't miss this fun and faith filled love story! Craig and Molly (the Cheese Ball Chick) will take you back to when they first met and use their story as a backdrop to discuss important lessons related to love, sex, and relationships. They will share humorous stories, embarrassing moments, and truth from God's Word to help you thrive in current and future relationships. Come laugh, learn, and be encouraged by a couple who takes Jesus seriously but not themselves!

- **Hope in Hard Times (Molly Sanborn)**
(Students and Adults)

Molly makes it her mission to help others find joy through Jesus, but there was time in her life when she found it hard to smile. Come get a "behind the scenes" look into one of Molly's greatest trials that led to deep depression and anxiety. But the story doesn't stop there. Through Christ, she overcame and now has hope and joy to share with YOU! Whether you are in a dark season right now, or just want to be better equipped to help your friends who are struggling, this talk is for you! Molly will make you laugh (and maybe even cry) as she shares practical and biblical applications to find (and give) hope in hard times.

[Granger Smith \(COS, OSW\)](#)

- **How God Called Me From the Music Stage to the Ministry**
(Students & Adults)

If you have ever wondered if there was more to life than chasing your dreams, I can relate. In this breakout we will talk about the calling of God, what sacrifice means and our willingness to listen to His leading.

[Scott Stoutenberg \(DSM, COS, OSW\)](#)

- **The reality of child sex trafficking—let's end it.**
(Students & Adults)

An estimated one million children worldwide are trapped in the commercial sex trade. Learn about red flags to be aware of in the US, what human trafficking is like overseas and first-hand experience from undercover rescue work in Thailand and Cambodia. Discover how you can play a vital role in putting an end to the evil of child sex slavery.

[Heidi Warner \(DSM, COS\)](#)

- **Managing Mental Health Struggles: Developing Biblical Resilience When Hard Things Happen**
(Students and Adults)

Learn how to develop the spiritual mindset and practical skills to respond instead of reacting when (not if) crises and challenges happen.

- **Healthy Relationship Skills for Teens**

(Students)

Untangle the complexity of relationships by learning how a Christ centered identity, strong relationship skills and healthy boundaries work together to foster strong connections.

- **Biblical Mental Health Bootcamp**

(Adults)

Learn a Biblical understanding of mental health struggles, develop practical tools for coaching your teens through basic psychological and spiritual coping skills and learn when to call in the professionals.

[Zac Workun \(DSM\)](#)

- **The Power of Friendship...and Pizza**

(Students and Adults)

Okay, it's a cheesy title, but this is a conversation about what your friends need most. Let's rediscover the need for biblical friends in a relationship starved age.

[Drew Worsham \(DSM\)](#)

- **Intimacy with Jesus: How to really hear and walk with Jesus**

(Students and Adults)

Get unstuck and unlock deeper intimacy & connection with Jesus. Discover the path to a richer, more meaningful relationship that transcends the ordinary.