

Breakout Session #1 Choose one option

Holistic Discipleship With Children	Effective, holistic discipleship with children involves three interconnected spaces: church, home, and community. Most ministries are stronger in some areas than others. This workshop offers a framework for exploring how these three dimensions are currently functioning in your setting and for reflecting on the strengths, connections, and gaps that emerge. Facilitated by Julie McKinnon, CCCNZ Children & Family Ministries.
Creating Leadership Development Maps	Leadership development has been recently identified as the most common challenge across our wider movement—how can we address this together? Several churches have plans in place, however, many do not have the resources for this. CCCNZ CEO Roger Osbaldiston will share some thoughts on what is already broadly available, and invite input on creating leadership development maps.
Facilitating Engaging Small Groups	Working with small groups at church and wondering how to get people to engage and participate? Jesus had all the answers but asked questions, told stories and demonstrated adult learning and facilitation in action. We'll work through some tools and practices for life/home groups, running effective meetings, or any small group setting. This will be an opportunity to discuss, practice and crowd source ideas for your setting. Facilitated by Denise Wells, Riccarton Community Church.
An Open Invite to an Exclusive Club? Biblical Sexuality in a Changing Culture	Navigating the subject of alternative sexualities has become one of the most fraught challenges for churches in New Zealand. One difficulty is that of offering an invitation to Christian faith that is genuinely welcoming while at the same time upholding the vision for sexuality that is pleasing to God. This session will show why churches must endeavour to do both and offer some suggestions and resources for doing so. Facilitated by Lincoln Road Bible Chapel Elder Chris Northcott.



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10 Myths/Misconceptions About Youth Mental Health	The latest NZ Health Survey shows 1 in 4–5 young people aged 15–24 is experiencing high or very high psychological distress, with half reporting anxiety or depression symptoms in the past year. Facilitator Caitlin Berkers (The Street Church) is an experienced professional working in this space as a Clinical Psychologist. In this breakout session, Caitlin will unpack 10 myths/misconceptions about youth mental health and what Scripture has to say about them.
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Making Jesus Known	What does it look like to help people encounter Jesus in our communities today? What opportunities are churches finding to share the gospel, and what challenges are they facing? Hear from a panel of local church leaders about what they're trying, what they're learning and where they're seeing God at work. Together we'll explore how churches can grow a purposeful, sustained culture of making Jesus known, building relationships and creating opportunities for people to hear and respond to the gospel.
When Machines Become Friends: AI and the Gospel	AI has arrived faster than any previous technology. ChatGPT reached 100 million users in two months; TikTok took nine. Alongside the genuine good it's doing in medicine and science, something quieter is happening: AI companion apps have grown by 700% since 2022, and a generation already reporting record loneliness is turning to them for friendship. This session looks honestly at both sides. We'll walk through what the research shows, draw on John Lennox's '2084 and the AI Revolution' and the Scriptures on what it means to be human, finishing with five things church leaders can do starting this week.

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