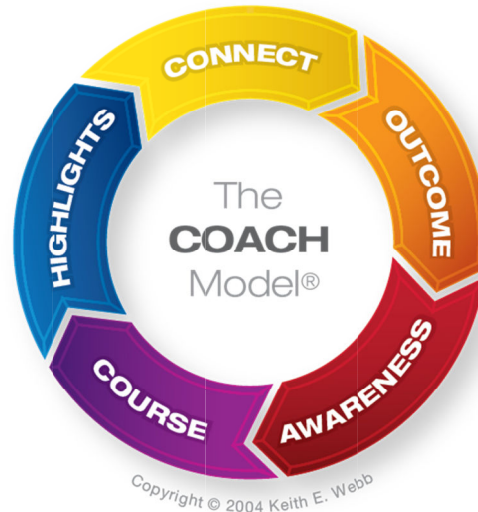


LPD CONFERENCE, MARCH 4, 5 – 2016

AT WHITE ROCK COMMUNITY CHURCH

THEME: “STEPPING UP OUR WALK”

- IN OUR LIVES, FAMILIES, CHURCHES, DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



All of us invest significant time in what we hope is helping other people. While sincere in our intentions, we might often feel that we accomplish very little. After meeting with a person, we might conclude that we simply “shot the breeze,” and we wish that we had asked better questions and had been more intentional in our discussion.

When we meet with others, who is responsible to make the time worthwhile? Are those of us in ministry simply victims of the agendas of others, or can we learn to make these times more intentional, more constructive and more effective? It is our conviction that all of us can learn to be more effective in helping others move forward in life, ministry and faith.

Our Lower Pacific District’s purpose is, “*by God’s grace, we are committed to encourage and resource our growing family of churches to reflect Jesus Christ,*” and we believe that providing the COACH approach to turning conversations into a mentoring/coaching opportunity will be a strategic and practical resource to all of us. Also, as our entire EFCC seeks to become more intentional in developing and mentoring leaders through the initiative of **LeadBeyond**, these skills will contribute to us as a movement, both now and for the future.

We invite you to join us for our LPD Conference on March 4, 5. On Friday, March 4, we are excited to offer the all-day COACH workshop with Dr. Daniel Buetler, and on Saturday, March 5, Dr. Randy Wolf will speak to “The Four Skills of Coaching and Mentoring,” to all conference attendees.

COACH is not simply the “technique of the day.” It represents a biblical approach to discipling and guiding others in their lives, faith and ministry, and we trust that it will be used of God to further God’s work in our lives and your church.

Please set March 4, 5 aside in your calendar, and plan to invite your church leadership and others to join others in attending this training session and our district conference!

Turning Conversations into a Mentoring and Coaching Opportunity

LPD Conference Training Session – March 4, 2016 – Dr. Daniel Buetler

In this one-day practical training session, you will learn and practice key skills for turning conversations into a mentoring/coaching opportunity. Coaching is defined as, "... an on-going intentional conversation that empowers a person or group to fully live out God's calling." (Keith E. Webb, founder of COACH). The coach's role is not to have all the answers, but to encourage the coachee to reflect, and to direct them to the Holy Spirit, our ultimate counsellor, and to growth in the Body of Christ. As Webb writes, "The key to effective coaching is for the coachee and coach to understand what God is doing and join in His work."

Connect – Every mentoring conversation requires a meaningful connection, so that the other person is willing to share and explore possibilities. We will look at ways of building this rapport at the start of and throughout a structured coaching conversation.

Outcome – In a coaching session, it is beneficial for the coachee to identify an outcome for the conversation. This helps to focus the interaction for maximum results. During the training session, we will explore ways of determining a session outcome that will make the most of everyone's time.

Awareness – One of the biggest benefits of a coaching conversation is that when the coach asks good questions, it can expand awareness around key issues that the coachee may need to address. We will look at ways that you can help others peel away the layers – to pinpoint the key issues they need to address.

Course of Action – Many coaching conversations fail to challenge the coachee to take action. The Leader Breakthru approach gently pushes coachees to identify and follow through on action steps that will help address their key issues.

Highlights – At the end of a coaching session, it's important to capture the key points and action steps emerging from the conversation. We will explore ways to end the session well, so that the other person feels encouraged and empowered to take next steps.



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