

THE CENTER FOR
FAITH, SEXUALITY & GENDER

SPONSORING A **LEADER'S FORUM**



Engaging Questions of Faith, Sexuality and Gender in the Church
with Theological Faithfulness and Courageous Love

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What are Leader's Forums?

Leaders Forums are interactive educational events for pastors and other church leaders, sponsored by churches, denominations and seminaries, led by Dr. Preston Sprinkle. In them, Preston and other presenters will help leaders move beyond doctrinal statements and policies. The Center helps leaders develop a theologically faithful, yet grace-filled understanding of marriage, LGBT+ people, language and culture as well as many of the questions being raised by them and others.

The Center also endeavors to help pastors cultivate a fresh culture of belief in their church members. That is, through our Grace/Truth 1.0 small group learning experiences, we want to give Christians theological permission to engage LGBT+ people graciously, without feeling guilty that they've abandoned any core teachings of scripture. In our forums, we also will present practical ideas and guidance on all kinds of questions that pastors are being forced to address from both affirming and non-affirming members.

The Center aspires to be the Church's most trusted source for theologically sound teaching and practical guidance on questions related to sexuality and gender.

Go to www.centerforfaith.com/programs/leaders-forums for a complete description of the content of a typical Leaders Forum.

Leader's Forum Sponsorship and Finances

The Center rarely conducts Leader's Forums independent of a sponsor. Generally, a church, group of churches, a denomination, seminary, college, etc. invites The Center (Preston) to conduct a Forum. Sponsors can choose who and how many people to invite and whether or not to charge attendees a fee. A Forum can be open to other churches and the general public, or a closed event for the benefit of the sponsoring church(s), or organization. That's up to you. However, given the urgent need most pastors and churches have for thoughtful, biblical guidance, our preference is that you open the doors to a larger Christian community.

The topics Preston covers can be tailored to meet the specific needs of each Sponsor. Sponsors are responsible for providing a meeting place, sound, IT, food, volunteers, etc., including The Center's

speaking fee, materials, airfare and hotel, meals and ground transportation.

A typical half-day forum runs four hours. One-day forums, seven hours with lunch provided. Two-day forums generally begin at noon one day and run until early afternoon the next day. Two-day forums are ideal if attendees are traveling some distance, or if a sponsor wants to devote more time to specific questions.

* For a Two-Day Forum, it will be the responsibility of the Host to suggest (but not provide) housing options for attendees. Sponsor can elect to provide dinner, breakfast and should budget accordingly.

Estimated Expenses (for 100 attendees)

EXPENSE	HALF-DAY	ONE-DAY	TWO-DAY
The Center's Fee	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$9,000
Materials (\$10 per attendee)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Airfare for Preston (est.)	\$700	\$700	\$700
Hotel, meals, ground transportation (est.)	\$600	\$600	\$900
A 'Companion Ticket' (est.)	\$700	\$700	\$700
Food, coffee, water (est.)	N/A	\$1,600	\$4,000
	\$7,000	\$10,600	\$16,300

Donations/Gifts/Registration Fees

As a gift to pastors, leaders, seminary students, and perhaps even local Christian school educators, a Sponsor can choose to either underwrite the entire cost, or charge a reduced fee for attendees and underwrite the balance needed. These funds could come from either budgeted educational program expenses, or from private donors. Given the importance and urgency of this issue and the need for pastors and leaders to get this training, we believe theologically conservative donors can be found by most Sponsors to underwrite these forums.

If a sponsor elects to charge a registration fee, we recommend;

Half Day	\$25-40
One Day	\$50-95
Two Day	\$125-150

We suggest you offer a 25% discount for four or more registered attendees from the same church or organization. You also have the option of establishing a discount code with special pricing for certain groups such as members of churches contributing to the expense of the forum, or seminary students, etc.

For your convenience, we can arrange for attendees to register and pay right on The Center's website and funds collected will be used to offset any balanced owed The Center for speaking fees, material and travel expenses for this Forum. Excess funds will be returned to the Sponsor within 10 working days.

Guest Speakers

Sponsors will also have the option of adding other guest speakers. We can help connect you with other exceptionally qualified speakers, who would significantly enhance the participant's experience.

Counselors

We are also exploring the possibility and additional cost of having gifted Christian counselors, who are experienced in working with Christian LGBT+ people and their families available as an additional resource to pastors, or as part of a follow-up seminar.

Leaders Forums are excellent opportunities for schools to also invite donors, alumni and the local Christian community on your campus to experience first-hand how you are addressing these questions with both truth and grace.

*"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."
Romans 12:2*

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