

WHAT IS APPRENTICE OF JESUS?

If you are seeking the real transformation that comes from knowing the real God, the Apprentice series offers no simple formulas or secret paths of knowledge. Instead this experience offers the chance to be with Jesus and discover the narratives that he lived by. Get to know the God Jesus knew and the Kingdom he proclaimed. The transformation you seek will come as a direct result of spending focused time with him and his people.

This simulcast will introduce you to the *Apprentice Series*, which encourages you to read, journal, pray, discuss and participate in weekly spiritual exercises. As you work through the books individually (or more ideally in a group setting) you'll discover your heart being shaped by the truth of Christ --and your life being changed forever.



James Bryan Smith— is a theology professor at Friends University in Wichita, KS, is an accomplished writer and speaker on the topic of Christian spiritual formation. He is the author of the *Apprentice Series* and a founding member of

Renovaré, Richard J. Foster's spiritual renewal ministry. He is also the director of the Christian Spiritual Formation Institute at Friends University. During the simulcast event, he will present plenaries on his Apprentice Series writings, which help develop people who are apprentices of Jesus



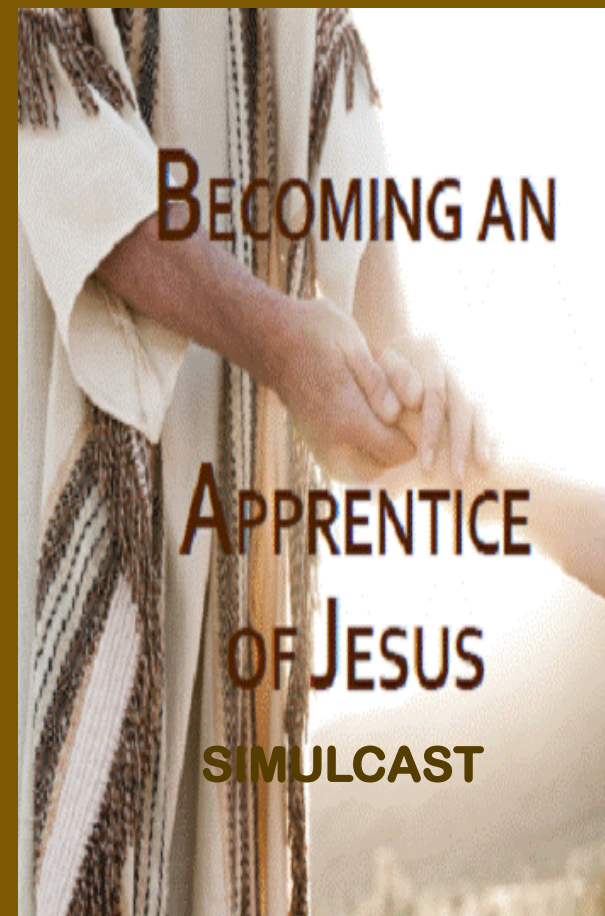
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SCHEDULE

Thursday Evening, November 4, 2010

6:00 pm	Registration
6:30 pm	Worship
7:00 pm	<i>Good and Beautiful God</i>
8:00 pm	Break
8:15 – 9:00pm	Follow up discussion

Friday, November 5, 2010

8:00 am	Coffee
8:30 am	Worship
9:00 am	<i>Good and Beautiful Life</i>
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	Breakout Session
12:15 pm	Box Lunch (included in registration)
1:00 pm	Breakout Session
2:30 pm	Break
2:45 pm	<i>Good and Beautiful Community</i>
4:00 pm	Conclude

Registration available online at:

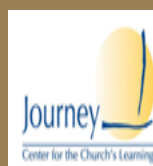
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Partnering Together



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Creative Outreach: Re-thinking Ministry in your Community by Nancy Van Heerde and Michelle Van't Hul .

An outward expression of a Kingdom heart is to love and care for others. What are barriers that make this so difficult? Can those barriers be broken? This session will help you gain insight into what walking with your neighbors might look like. Nancy and Michelle work at the Center of Hope, a Christian outreach ministry in Sioux Falls, SD. Some of their ministries include a Bike-to-Work program, Winter Clothing and also a Parish Nurse

Leading the Apprentice Series by Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines, Iowa

Join this breakout session to learn more about the "how to's" of offering the Apprentice Series study at your church. Insights will be shared from this study for those who are hungry for change. This will be an interactive breakout session of sharing ideas and important elements of this life-changing opportunity to become an apprentice of Jesus.

The Daily Office: Remembering God's Presence Throughout the Day by Bruce Cook

The Daily Office is an early church practice that differs from what we have labeled as "*quiet time or devotions*". The Daily Office is not so much a turning to God for something, it is about being with God . Our time together will model, experience, practice and discuss "*beginning the journey with the Daily Office.*" This tool offers apprentices of Jesus an anchor powerful enough to slow us down and infuse our day with a deep sense of the sacred; of God.

Praying the Scriptures, Listening for God by Sophie Mathonnet-VanderWell

There are many ways to hear God's voice in our lives. This seminar will explore the various ways that we "listen for God." One of the practices we will explore is *lectio divina* (a prayerful way of reading scripture), both as an individual and also as a communal practice. We will discuss receiving and giving spiritual direction as a way that we discern the Spirit's movement in our lives. This seminar will explore this larger theme while also offering some tools and practices for becoming more attentive to God.

Prayer Pathways: Tools to Strengthen Your Prayer Life by Laine Korver

God hears all of our prayers but sometimes we need to learn to pray in fresh new ways that will draw us into deeper intimacy with God. This workshop will give new and creative tools for praying individually and in groups that will help participants focus on God and bring them into a deeper relationship with our Lord and Savior. Participants will learn about and experience "*Praying in Color*" and "*Labyrinth Prayer*" plus receive handouts for creative and meaningful ways to connect with God through prayer for both adults and children.

Implementing the Apprentice Series with James Bryant Smith (via simulcast)

Learn the ins and outs of implementing *The Apprentice Series* within your local congregations. This breakout will be simulcast featuring James Bryan Smith.