

Session 4 Breakouts

New Life Adoptions

New Life Adoptions is a licensed, “no fee” Christian adoption agency. Our mission is to find homes for Washington’s orphan children in our area and assist families in need of the financial means to adopt.

Our Mission Statement: To place infants and children regardless of ethnicity, age or special needs into loving Christian adoptive homes, and to remove barriers to adoption - *financial, perceptual/and practical*. The majority of children we are seeking to place are the orphans of Washington State; local infants and children currently in the custody of the State of Washington foster care system.



Breakout Leader: Mike Magnotti

The Ugly Side of Adoption (a session on how it ~disruptions~ happens, how to avoid it and how to adopt from it)

Many people don’t know anything about disruptions. I myself was very hard on those who disrupted, until I adopted. After adopting God showed me how it happens. Why parents of adoptive children seek out disruption. This is a very touchy subject. I want to take you down a path to show you how parents get there and how to avoid getting there yourself and also I want to share with you how you your self can adopt a child from a disruption.



Breakout Leader: Crystal Questad

Living As a Mega Size, Multi National and Multi Needs Family

Do you ever wonder if you are up for caring for a large family? Are you curious about raising children adopted from different cultures and countries? Do certain medical or behavior issues throw you into a panic? Do you doubt you can adopt a child because of finances? Julee Feser will be sharing how God pulled her husband Mike and her out of a lukewarm faith into His perfect plan for their family. Hear how God has provided the money to adopt almost nineteen children in ten years. Catch a glimpse into family life where many of the children live and thrive with significant special needs. Hear how one couple strives to stay in love with the Lord and each other as they raise a needy complicated family.



Breakout Leader: Julee Feser

How To Pick an Adoption Agency

Growing your family through adoption is one of the most important decisions your family will ever make. With hundreds of adoption agencies to choose from how do you decide which one is best for you? In this session families will be equipped with valuable guidelines to narrow the search and find an agency that is well suited to their family's particular needs. Guidelines include specifics things that families should ask of their agency (some in writing).



Breakout Leader: Dave Wood & Melissa Swanson

Hope For Orphans

Hope for Orphans serves churches with a heart for orphans in three ways . . .

Mobilize: We educate Christians about God's heart for orphans and encourage them to practice what God calls in James, chapter one, "pure and undefiled religion" -- caring for orphans in their distress.

Equip: We provide simple, practical, and biblically-based resources that help local church lay leaders launch and develop orphans ministries in their churches.

Connect: We build strategic relationships with key organizations that we share with local churches as they respond to God's mandate to care for the orphan.



Breakout Leader: Jason Weber

All God's Children - Agency

This is an in-depth discussion of international and foster care adoption including the need in country, adoption process, timeframes, costs, education and support. I will also discuss the importance of birth family preservation and inter-country adoption as well as the opportunities for orphan care and mission work. Lastly, the available options through adoption and orphan as well as sponsorship, relief work, missions, etc



Breakout Leader: Megan Palmer

Foster Care Panel

The panel will include a diverse group of couples who have or are currently doing Foster Care. Come and hear how they were led to do foster care and the joys and concerns of the process.

If You Were Mine – DVD Series

Session 4- Completing Your Home Study and Discovering Your Child



Breakout Leader: Trevor Macduff