

# BIBLE & FAITH

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# Bible and Faith Schedule

8:30 Registration

9:00 **Plenary Session 1: What is the Bible?: The Beauty of a God Who Speaks**, George Guthrie (Eastside)

As we approach the topic of “Bible and Faith”, George will unpack what the Bible is and what it means to be people who hold it as authoritative to a life of faith. We will also gain an appreciation of what it means to have a God who communicates with us through his Word.

10:00 Break

10:10 **Breakout Session**

11:00 Break

11:05 **Breakout Session**

11:55 Break

12:00 **Plenary Session 2: Why is the Bible Central to our Faith? The Shaping of a People Who Listen**, George Guthrie (Eastside)

How is the Bible relevant today? How am I to make sense of the most pressing issues of our age, and do so as a Christ follower, especially if the Bible is central to my faith? George will lay out both why and how Scripture is foundational to a biblical worldview that should shape how we live in and engage with our culture.

## How to Grow in Listening to God through Scripture

Listen \_\_\_\_\_ & Receptively

Listen \_\_\_\_\_

Listen \_\_\_\_\_ (with the help of Translators)

Listen \_\_\_\_\_ & Meditatively

Listen Holistically

Listen \_\_\_\_\_

## Planning to Listen

## Conclusion

## Session 2: The Shaping of a People Who Listen

George Guthrie, Regent College

### Introduction

Since God is Speaking, Listening is \_\_\_\_\_

Why We \_\_\_\_\_ with Listening

*Distance*

*Noise*

*Space*

*Perspective (worldview)*

## Breakout Sessions

Hearing Echoes of the Story: The Power of Old Testament Allusions in the New Testament, George Guthrie (Eastside)  
Our understanding of the Bible grows as we understand how the New Testament builds upon and echoes themes from the Old Testament. George will unpack how Jesus' message and teaching in the Gospels are fully understood when we see how much they echo Old Testament teachings.

Why Does the Bible Need Interpretation?, Charles Yu (Westside)  
It can be tempting to say, "I just read the Bible and do what it says." Charles will help unpack the challenges that face us as we strive to understand and interpret the Bible—a text that was not written *to* us but *for* us. Charles will provide insights into principles and approaches for being students of God's Word.

Hearing God: Breathing New Life into our Bible Reading, Kayla March and Craig Gartland (Fireside)  
Many of us strive to make time for devotional reading of Scripture. However, it can be a struggle and we often find ourselves wrestling with this spiritual practice. Kayla and Craig will introduce ways to re-engage with Scripture and breathe life into our personal time in God's Word.

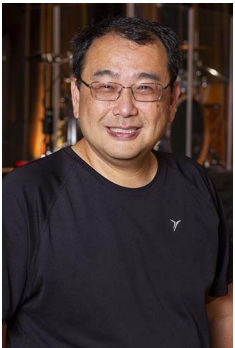
## Speakers



**Dr. George Guthrie**

*Professor of New Testament at Regent College, Vancouver*

Dr. Guthrie is Professor of New Testament at Regent College, Vancouver, Canada. In 2016, he taught on II Corinthians for our Adult Lecture Series. He is a highly sought-after lecturer, and has taught across North America, in the United Kingdom, Germany, Hong Kong, South Africa, and Israel. George describes his calling as helping church leaders and laypeople learn how to read the Bible well and discipling students in living their whole lives as followers of Christ. Dr. Guthrie has published commentaries on *Hebrews* (Zondervan, 1998), *James* (Zondervan, 2006), and *2 Corinthians* (Baker, 2015). He has also published a number of works designed to equip the church to better understand and apply Scripture, including *Reader's Guide to the Bible* (LifeWay, 2011), *Reading God's Story: A Chronological Daily Bible* (Braodman & Holman, 2011), and *Read the Bible for Life: Your Guide to Understanding and Living God's Word* (Braodman & Holman, 2011).



**Charles Yu**

*Pastor of Multicultural Ministry & Theology, Blackhawk Church*

Charles spent his early childhood in Taiwan and immigrated with his family to Southern California when he was 10. At UC Berkeley, he met his wife Serena and received a B.S. in electrical engineering (1990). As they sojourned in Vancouver, British Columbia, Charles got his Masters of Divinity at Regent College (1997) and worked as a minister to Chinese-Canadian college students. After moving to Madison in 1997, Charles received his PhD in Hebrew and Semitics (Old Testament/Hebrew Bible) at UW-Madison (2011). Before coming on staff with Blackhawk Church, Charles enjoyed a teaching ministry with InterVarsity's Graduate & Faculty Ministries as a Campus Theologian.

## Breakout Session Notes



**Craig Gartland**

*Pastor of Spiritual Formation, Blackhawk Church*

Craig Gartland is Pastor of Spiritual Formation, overseeing Adult Ministries at Blackhawk Church. Prior to his coming on staff at Blackhawk, Craig served with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for 26 years in a number of roles including 16 years as Campus Minister at the University of Chicago. Craig has a BA in Communication Studies/ Rhetoric from University of California, Santa Barbara and MDiv from Fuller Theological Seminary. He and his wife (Sharon) have four children and have called Madison home since 2005. In his free time, Craig is most often found enjoying his passion for cycling.



**Kayla March**

*Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation, Blackhawk Church*

Kayla was first introduced to Blackhawk Church as a college student. After receiving a B.S. in sociology from UW-Madison (2010), she joined Blackhawk's staff as an intern and quickly shifted into an interim College-Age Ministry Director position. Moving to Colorado in 2012, Kayla pursued further education at Denver Seminary where she received a Masters of Divinity (2016). Kayla currently serves on the Teaching Team in addition to her new role as Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation. She and her husband (Jeremy) are grateful to, once again, call Madison "home".

# Resources for Further Engagement

## Recommended by George Guthrie

*Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels*

Richard B. Hays

## Recommended by Charles Yu

*How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth*

Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart

*The Blue Parakeet: Rethinking How You Read the Bible*

Scot McKnight

## Recommended by Craig Gattland & Kayla March

*Eat This Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading*

Eugene H. Peterson

*Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God*

Dallas Willard

*Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform Us*

Adele Calhoun

*The Act of Bible Reading*

Elmer Dyck

*The Fire of the Word: Meeting God on the Holy Ground*

Chris Webb

## General Reference Works

*The Essential Bible Companion: Key Insights for Reading God's Word*

John H. Walton, Mark L. Strauss, Ted Cooper Jr.

*New Bible Dictionary*

Howard Marshall, A.R. Millard, J.I. Packer, D.J. Wiseman

*New Bible Commentary*

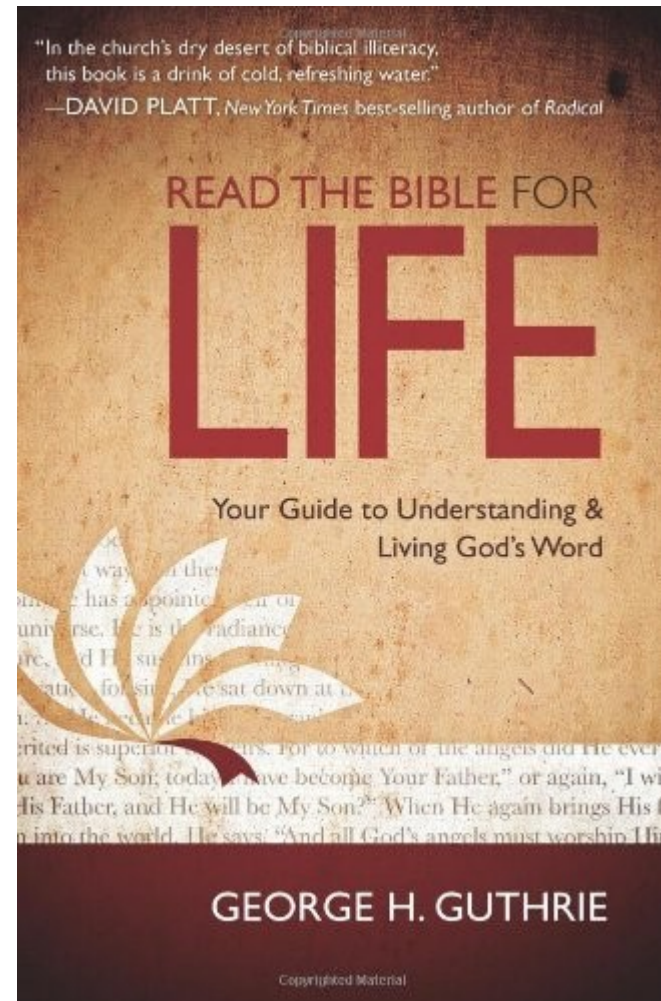
Gordon J. Wenham, J. Alec Motyer, Donald A. Carson

101 Books on Biblical Theology: An Annotated Bibliography

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## Breakout Session Notes

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# Session 1: The Beauty of A God Who Speaks

George Guthrie, Regent College

## Introduction

Communication Can be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
even Playful

Communication is at the Heart of the \_\_\_\_\_

“And God said, ‘Let there be light’, and there was light.  
God saw that the light was good...”  
(Genesis 1:3-4; NIV)

Why God Communicates with Us through \_\_\_\_\_

*Scripture speaks what is* \_\_\_\_\_

“Set them apart in the truth; your word is truth.”  
(John 17:17; NET)

*God speaks to* \_\_\_\_\_ *us in what is true*

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”  
(Matthew 7:24-45; NIV)

*God speaks to* \_\_\_\_\_ *us by what is true*

*God speaks to so that we might* \_\_\_\_\_  
*what is true*

## Conclusion