

# FORGED: 2025 Masterclass Options

## THEMES/TRACKS



**Wellness:** Flourishing in every aspect of life – honoring God through the pursuit of wholeness in body, mind, relationships, and spiritual life.



**Creativity:** Leaning into the creativity etched into our being by the ultimate Creator – reflecting His nature through Spirit-led expression and innovative solutions.



**Leadership:** Living out Christ-centered leadership – influencing culture, serving others, and stewarding God’s creation with kingdom purpose.



**Career:** Embracing work as an avenue of worship – every vocation is a calling to live out the Gospel and bring God’s presence into the world.

## CAREER

9/19 10:30	<b>Work &amp; Calling: Same or Different?</b> (Sandy Cassell)	This session explores the realities of a typical person's career path and how their calling can be integrated into any job.
9/19 10:30	<b>Future-Proof: Thriving in the Age of AI Disruption</b> (Mike Rakes)	As AI reshapes industries and redefines career paths, how can young adults prepare for a future that’s constantly evolving? This session will offer practical insights into the skills, mindsets, and opportunities that will be most valuable in an AI-driven world.
9/19 1:15	<b>Blueprints for Life: The Spirit, the Craftsmen, and You</b> (Anthony Matrone, Carter McDaniel)	Bezalel and Oholiab weren’t prophets or priests – they were craftsmen. Yet God chose them, filled them with His Spirit, and gave them a mission. This session invites you to see your passion and profession through their story, discovering how God’s voice shapes our work and how our work can reflect His glory.
9/19 1:15	<b>Discovering God’s Career Plan... When There is No Writing on the Wall</b> (Julie Mayne)	Choosing a career can feel overwhelming – especially when the world tells you to follow your heart, chase success, or make the most money. But God’s greatest calling is to serve Him through the interests and strengths He gave you. This session is perfect for students who want to know God’s plan but have never seen the “writing on the wall.” We will unpack practical ways to discover God’s career calling for your life!
9/19 2:45	<b>Work That Matters: The Difference the Spirit Makes</b> (Shelly Worley)	What makes a career truly meaningful? For many, it’s about climbing the ladder or building a brand. But for Spirit-empowered believers, it’s about faithfulness, impact, and obedience. This session will help you reframe your goals and outcomes through a biblical lens, so your work reflects God’s mission – not just your ambition.
9/20 9:30	<b>King David was a Fundraiser</b> (Jaimie Trussell)	Fundraising isn’t a distraction from ministry – it is ministry. In this session, we’ll explore the biblical precedent for fundraising, its role in community building, and how asking boldly can be an act of faith AND worship.

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## CREATIVITY

9/19 10:30	<b>Break the Mold: Spirit-Empowered Creativity for Real-World Impact</b> (Jason Streubel)	Explore how to think differently, act courageously, and let the Holy Spirit guide your creative edge. Through powerful stories from scripture, the knowledge from Dr. Streubel's 30 years of hands-on experience, you'll see what happens when innovation is the only way forward.
9/19 1:15	<b>Discovering Your Creative Process</b> (Jason Salazar)	This session will help participants uncover their unique approach to creativity. Explore practical techniques to spark inspiration, overcome creative blocks, and develop a personalized workflow that enhances your artistic or innovative projects. Perfect for beginners and seasoned creators alike.
9/19 2:45	<b>Idea Development in Painting</b> (Michael Buesking)	This session examines how artists move from initial inspirations and ideas to a completed work. The process of evaluating and editing a work in progress, as demonstrated in this session especially through development of Prof. Buesking's Lion/Lamb painting, may apply broadly to any creative endeavor.
9/19 2:45	<b>The Gospel of Enough: Redefining Poverty and Power through God's Eyes</b> (Shonna Crawford)	Challenge Western narratives of poverty and power and be inspired to dream with God to act boldly! Through Scripture and global stories, we'll explore how God sees value in every person and place. Learn how to recognize dignity--not deficiency--and how to walk alongside people in ways that affirm worth and agency.
9/19 2:45	<b>Past, Present, Future: Conflict and the Gospel Opportunities It Creates</b> (Amy Flattery)	Come be part of a powerful masterclass that goes beyond the headlines and into the heart of one of the most complex conflicts of our time. This session will take you on a journey through history, global tensions, and deep spiritual truths—while revealing how the Gospel remains the ultimate hope for humanity.
9/20 9:30	<b>Using AI Without Losing Your Soul</b> (Alan Beauchamp)	Artificial Intelligence is shaping world. But as machines get smarter, what happens to our humanity? This talk explores engagement with AI as faithful image-bearers of a creative God. We'll wrestle with questions of identity, ethics, and spiritual discernment in a world increasingly driven by algorithms.

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## LEADERSHIP

9/19 10:30	<b>Leadership in Context</b> (David Lindell)	How to maximize the moment to learn to lead.
9/19 10:30	<b>Anchored in Christ: Navigating Life Through the Storm of Suffering</b> (Tom Matrone)	Finding hope, purpose, and peace in Jesus amid the trials of human brokenness
9/19 1:15	<b>Called: Vocation for a Lifetime</b> (Martin Mittelstadt)	Imagine the call of God from infancy through end of life. Embrace every day with your family, friends, and neighbors.
9/19 2:45	<b>Divine Intelligence</b> (Alan Bixler)	As AI grows access to ever-increasing amounts of knowledge, Spirit-empowered Christ-followers must learn how to steward the leadership opportunities to turn life's moments into momentum.
9/20 9:30	<b>Be the Leader You'd Follow: Mastering Self-Leadership</b> (John Davidson)	Build the mindset, habits, and self-awareness to take control of your life and lead with confidence. You'll learn how to set a clear direction, stay motivated, and make choices that align with who you want to be. You'll walk away with tools to stay focused and disciplined, strategies to manage fear, doubt, and distractions, and tips on how to create a clear, personal vision.
9/20 9:30	<b>Leadership is Everyone's Opportunity</b> (Jon Spence)	Our lives were meant to operate as apprentices, partnering with God our Father and Creator to shape a world that points back to Him.

## WELLNESS

9/19 10:30	<b>Winning the War of the Digital Babylon</b> (Robbie Anderson)	Learn how to help friends and family overcome online addictions. Participants will learn to identify triggers, develop healthy coping mechanisms, and foster authentic accountable relationships. The session emphasizes the importance of accountability within a supportive Christian community.
9/19 1:15	<b>Training Your Brain to Help You Thrive</b> (Kristen Kansiewicz)	Come discover how the Bible and psychological principles go hand-in-hand to develop a thriving brain. Learn daily practices, to shift your thinking to change your emotions and behavior.
9/19 1:15	<b>Organizations Forged to Win</b> (Brandon Staley)	Winning organizations are healthy organizations formed through practices that restore, renew, and strengthen. A positive organizational culture embraces self-awareness and spiritual growth, as we live out our God-given potential.
9/19 2:45	<b>Wellness as Worship</b> (Piper Wright)	In the hustle of life, personal health often takes a back seat. This session redefines wellness through a biblical lens – as an act of worship and stewardship. Learn how to create sustainable rhythms of health, rest, and movement that equip you to serve God with energy, focus, and purpose in every season.
9/20 9:30	<b>Cash, Credit, &amp; Chaos</b> (Don Headlee, Kyle Dana)	Navigating the Money Maze with Clarity and Confidence. This entertaining session looks at necessary guardrails for keeping you on track as you navigate the many "money" challenges you may face on your financial journey.