

Become Conference 2023

Become Obedient

March 3–5



Imago Dei Church

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus, who,
though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God
a thing to be grasped, but emptied
himself, by taking the form of a
servant, being born in the likeness of
men. And being found in human
form, he humbled himself by
becoming obedient to the point of
death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5—8

I don't know about you, but the picture that pops into my head when I hear "Become Obedient" is trying to prove that you're a good little boy or girl, trying to convince the Father that you're worthy to be loved.

However, when we look to Jesus, we see that obedience was central to his life and mission and that it flowed *from* the Father's love, not in an effort to prove or earn the Father's love. Such was his trust in his Father that Philippians 2 tells us that Jesus "humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

As we seek to "Become Obedient" this weekend, our prayer is that you would see the Father's love for you and intentionally entrust your life into his good hands.

Daniel Jansson

Lead Pastor

Imago Dei Church

Schedule

Friday, March 3

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Check-in	Lobby
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Session 1	Worship Center

Not My Will, But Yours Be Done | Daniel Jansson

Saturday, March 4

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Check-in	Lobby
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Session 2	Worship Center

Overcoming Apathy | Uche Anizor

Obedient to the Word | Crista Jansson

Obedient from the Heart | Enrique Melendez

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch	Social Hall & Lawn
12:30 PM – 1:20 PM	Breakout 1	

Passion vs. Purpose: Conversations About Jobs and Work

Garret & Janice Lee Worship Center

Why You Can't Stick to Your Budget: Understanding God's Vision for Your Money

Mark & Krisandra Medina Chapel

Reaching a Generation

Hung Thach Trophy Room

Schedule

1:30 PM – 2:20 PM Breakout 2

Cultivating a Lifestyle of Prayer

Celeste Scott

Worship Center

The Gospel Comes with a House Key

Kent & Claire Hirano

Chapel

Navigating Discipleship

Angela Cabico &
Steven Salazar

Fireside Room

Reaching a Generation

Hung Thach

Trophy Room

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM Break

Refreshments and bookstore in the lobby, lawn games and coffee on the lawn, group activity in the field

3:20 PM – 5 PM Session 3 Worship Center

Small Group Discussions

Sunday, March 5

9 AM & 11 AM Gatherings at Imago Dei Church

The Fruit of Obedience | Matt Larson

Thank you to Chick-Fil-A Downey for donating a portion of the lunch meal, and to Encounter Christian Church for allowing us to use their facility.

Breakout Session 1 Descriptions

Passion vs. Purpose: Conversations About Jobs and Work

Garret & Janice Lee

Worship Center

Do our job paths look more like a straight line or a plate of noodles? What role does passion play in deciding on a job? What individual strengths can you bring to a job? What are some common themes people have found in work? Garret and Janice are not career counselors, but have some information gathered, both practical resources as well as just food for thought. They've also collected interviews about a wide range of jobs from the various spaces they are in, including this church community, that highlight the wisdom from people's lives and point to themes across peoples' purpose and skills.



Garret is an engineering manager. One of his jobs has involved recruiting students from universities, reviewing resumes, making job offers, and matching people to their first job. Through this, Garret learned about what characteristics of jobs appeal to people and what things they do to be successful. Janice works with elementary kids who are learning English and reading, and volunteers with youth in Fullerton. Her favorite food is a plate of noodles.

Why You Can't Stick to Your Budget: Understanding God's Vision for Your Money

Mark & Krisandra Medina

Chapel

Why obedience with your money matters, the barriers that keep you feeling like you don't have enough, and practical tools for glorifying God with your finances.



Mark and Krisandra Medina have been a part of Imago Dei Church for about seven years. They have a two-year-old daughter, Lilly. They're not experts who will tell you the best stocks to buy, but they love to help people see the joy and simplicity of honoring God with their money.

Breakout Session 1 Descriptions

Reaching a Generation

Hung Thach

Trophy Room

The pandemic accelerated the reality that reaching young people will need to go beyond the four walls of a church. With the disruption of youth engagement in the church, coupled with over a million young people leaving the church every year (Pinetops Foundation research), we must urgently and radically change how and where we do ministry. Instead of just a come and see model of ministry we must go and be His love and witness to youth wherever they are. In this session we will discuss practical principles and evangelistic strategies that engage teenagers with the Gospel message and look at ways we can reimagine how we connect students to Jesus.



Hung and his family fled from war-torn South Vietnam in 1975 and came to the United States where they were sponsored by a local church in Chattanooga, TN. He and his wife Angela have been married for 25 years and have three children: Caleb, Brooke, and Jericho. They have served with Cru for the past 25 years and Hung currently serves as the Team Leader for Cru's high school ministry in Los Angeles.

Breakout Session 2 Descriptions

Cultivating a Lifestyle of Prayer

Celeste Scott

Worship Center

A look at my journey in building a lifestyle centered around prayer.



Celeste is a member of Anthem Thousand Oaks, where she has been for about 8 years. She grew up in Mississippi, moved to California in 2014 and found Anthem by looking for a church close to her apartment on Yelp. Celeste is currently on staff with Anthem TO, working as an operations professional, co-leads a community group and volunteers as a lead/mentor on the middle school students ministry team. She has a passion for sharing the joy of life with Jesus in every aspect of her life, prayer being a huge part of her day to day journey and is pumped to share the ways God has changed her life through it.

The Gospel Comes with a House Key

Kent & Claire Hirano

Chapel

What is biblical hospitality? Why is it important? And how can we live it out? We'll address these questions through Rosaria Butterfield's book, *The Gospel Comes with a House Key*.



Kent and Claire are GC leaders and help lead Imago Dei Church's college and young adult ministry. Kent is in his first year of seminary at Talbot School of Theology and is one of the pastoral apprentices at Imago Dei Church. Claire teaches middle school history and loves the funny things that seventh graders say. Kent loves basketball and has recently taken to playing chess. Claire enjoys baking and playing the piano in her free time.

Breakout Session 2 Descriptions

Navigating Discipleship

Angela Cabico & Steven Salazar

Fireside Room

The value and intentionality of one-on-one discipleship meetups and what it looks like to pass on how to teach, observe and follow Jesus and His commandments.



Angela works with The Navigators at Cal State Long Beach. She met The Navigators in 2018 as a freshman at the University of California, Davis and in those four years personally experienced the life-transforming power of the Gospel and the hope that is found in walking with God alongside community. She also grew a burden for the hearts of the lost and saw the urgent need for God within the college context, where many seek to find purpose and joy in things that ultimately don't provide true satisfaction.



Steven is a full-time missionary working on the Cal State Long Beach campus. He is a part of a team that helps advance the gospel of Jesus into Long Beach through students who are laboring, living and discipling among those who do not know Jesus.

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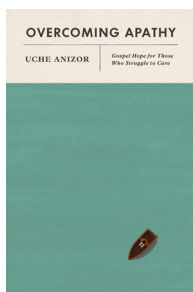
Hung Thach

Trophy Room

Please see the breakout session description and speaker biography in the *Breakout Session 1 Descriptions* section above.

Recommended Reading

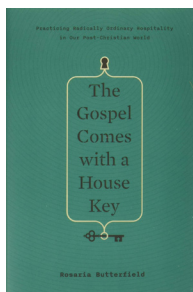
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Overcoming Apathy: Gospel Hope for Those Who Struggle to Care

by Uche Anizor

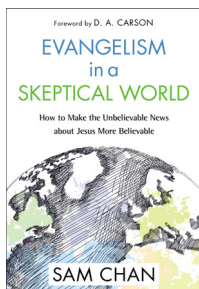
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The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in Our Post-Christian World

by Rosario Butterfield

ISBN: 143355786X



Evangelism in a Skeptical World: How to Make the Unbelievable News about Jesus More Believable

by Sam Chan

ISBN: 0310534712

Recommended Reading

Visit the conference bookstore in the lobby to check out these titles and many others. Be sure to use your \$5 off coupon when purchasing any books!



A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World

by Paul Miller

ISBN: 1631466836



Come and See: The Journey of Knowing God through Scripture

by Jonathan Pennington

ISBN: 1433571285



The Common Rule: Habits of Purpose for an Age of Distraction

by Justin Whitmel Earley

ISBN: 0830845607

Upcoming Events

**March
16**

Membership Class

If you are interested in becoming a member of Imago Dei Church or learning more about what membership means, join us for the first session of our Membership Class on **Thursday, March 16 from 7 PM to 9 PM** in Downey.

**April
9**

Easter Sunday

Join us for **one worship gathering at 10 AM** as we celebrate what Jesus has done followed by a party directly after the gathering. There will be kids' activities, carnival food, music and fellowship!

**April
28–30**

Men's Retreat

Get more info and sign up at:

imagodei.church/events/mensretreat

Register this weekend only at the discounted conference price of \$140! Early-bird pricing begins on Sunday.

**May
28**

Pentecost Sunday

We'll be celebrating Pentecost Sunday at the beach with baptisms, worship and bonfires! We'll also be sending out the Jansson family as they leave for their sabbatical for the summer.

Stay informed of everything happening at Imago Dei Church by downloading our app or visiting: imagodei.church/events

Campus Map

