

2018 Moody Pastors' Conference – May 21-24



Twenty CB Pastor's met at the Moody Pastor's Conference May 21-24. Dynamic speakers, stimulating meal conversations and inspiring music set the stage for a refreshing 4 days. Jesus invited his disciples to get away for a spell, these fellas followed that example, and I can say we left renewed in our spirits to the task of evangelism and discipleship.

Charles Dates challenged us from the passage of Acts 6 to do the twofold ministry of a pastor: Praying and Preaching! He shared two rules for evangelism and church growth: 1) Get

the Gospel right. 2) Build a church worth joining. The standing ovation at the end of his message revealed his thoughts hit a cord with these hundreds of pastors.

Daniel Henderson's Morning Prayer times were especially moving. Taking in his seminar based on his new book, 'Transforming Presence' resulted in my being inspired to seek the face of God in ministry.

Other keynote speakers made the conference especially meaningful: Joe Stowell, Ray Pritchard, Ed Stetzer, Bill Thrasher, Skye Jethani, Matthew Kim and Ron Moore opened the Word of God in a refreshing way. Let me touch on a couple of these fellows. Ray Pritchard spoke from 1 Samuel 24 and David's choice not to take revenge on Saul. The message was on criticism and Ray Pritchard pointed out when one is tired, afraid and angry—it is an invitation for "bad decisions." David set the bar by respecting Saul's



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authority and waiting for God. Ray gave three suggestions: 1) Admit your part in the criticism. He quoted Spurgeon, "don't get mad at your critics—you are worse than they think!" 2) Thank God for the criticism. 3) Forgive them.



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Let me add just a comment from Ed Stetzer's keynote address. (Ed is the Executive Director of the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism). Here is a quote: "the last forty years we have spruced up the barn, spiced up the message and increased the speed of the music—but the harvest is not doing itself." Ed opened 2 Timothy 4 and urged us to Action; Labor; and Focus in doing the work of an evangelist.

I will close by inviting all you pastors to next year's Moody's Pastors' Conference. It convenes the Monday before Memorial Day and concludes on that Thursday evening. You will not be disappointed you made the arrangement to attend.

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