THE HIGHER GROUND SUMMIT

RISING ABOVE LEFT AND RIGHT - LEADERSHIP IN CHALLENGING TIMES

WE LIVE IN CONTENTIOUS, DIVIDED TIMES.

Political, social and cultural issues have polarized our region, state and country to an unprecedented extent. Emotions run high. Cancel Culture and personal attacks seem to be the order of the day. However, church, business, government and nonprofit leaders are on the front lines of culture. We can't avoid addressing controversial issues. We must engage with people of varied and passionate viewpoints, in order to serve well and accomplish our mission. The Higher Ground Summit is designed to equip leaders with immediately applicable skills to engage in tough conversations with compassion, empathy and genuine curiosity. We're in a season where people are primed to take offense and take combative, condemning and dismissive approaches. We must learn to build bridges and invite relationships without pandering or compromising our biblically based convictions... while not getting socially crushed and cancelled. This is not easy. It demands an extremely high level of communication skill. Building that skill is what Higher Ground is all about.

WHAT THIS IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT:

This is not about preaching to the choir and covering what the Bible says about contentious cultural issues. We know that. It is not going to be a whine session. It will be an intensely practical opportunity led by best selling author Greg Koukl to explore effective ways to build relationships while discussing tough topics and adhering to Biblical values. Whether leading a family, a church, a business, a nonprofit or in government, we must be prepared to engage with courtesy and respect as we give a reason for the hope we have and the viewpoints we hold.

AGENDA

Session One: Safe Conversations

Social survival skills from Aikido. Resolving conflict without violence and violence without conflict

Practical Exercise

Session Two: Curious Conversations
Lessons from Columbo: Engaging to learn and
lead positive discussions
Practical Exercise

Session Three: Courageous Conversations

Addressing the hot topics of abortion, LGBTQ,

transgenderism, critical theory and equity

Keynote: Ambassadors of the King Representing well in a strange and foreign land

Continental breakfast, lunch and beverages will be served.

AUGUST 4, 2023 8 AM TO 1:30 PM RIVERHOUSE CONVENTION CENTER BEND, OR CHURCH,
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BUSINESS
AND NONPROFIT
LEADERS

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