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GENERATION OF  
COMPETENT  
LEADERS

2019 Schedule

13 February 2019

# FIFTY SHADES OF ETHICS: HOW TO DEAL WITH TOUGH QUESTIONS

Tihomir Lazić

This PowerUp session seeks to equip the leaders for responding to some of the most challenging intellectual, spiritual, societal and ethical questions that the youth (and especially students) encounter when trying to understand and share their faith in a secular context. Tihomir Lazić will propose a foundational conceptual framework for dealing with some 'grey-zone' ethical questions that require higher and more complex reasoning processes than simply retreating to ready-made, black-and-white, proof-text answers. What do we do when the Bible is silent on certain issues? What do we do when we are dealing with questions that are so remote from anything the scriptural authors and our predecessors ever thought about? While taking the concrete case study of the issue of premarital sex as an example, the workshop will explore different conceptual tools, factors and principles that those striving to develop a mature Christian mind need to be aware of.



Dr Tihomir Lazić works as a Lecturer in Systematic Theology at Newbold College and as the Director of Public Campus Ministry (or Student Ministry) at the Trans-European Division of the Seventh-day Adventist church. He completed his doctorate in theology at the University of Oxford. Lazić lives in England and is married to Kärt Lazić from Estonia. The main drives that shape his vision of life and ministry are the sense of wonder and adventure that come from exploring the unknown and from the relentless quest to understand God and believers' life in Him.



20 March 2019

# THE CLOUD OF DOUBT: HOW TO DEAL WITH DOUBTS?

Zlatko Musija

During the period of their education, many students feel that the questions and challenges that are posed in the secular academic environment are seriously undermining the foundations of their Christian worldview. They are starting to doubt their faith, identity and mission, but they have nobody to turn to. They feel 'out of place' in their local churches, due to the lack of a conscious effort on behalf of their community of believers to provide a safe environment where they could voice their concerns and doubts, explore their faith convictions, deepen their knowledge and experience of God, and develop more refined, informed and nuanced Christian intellectual responses to the questions that they are encountering.

This PowerUP session aims to equip the leaders with useful ideas and tools that can help them to deal with doubts in their personal life or in the life of our believing friends. Come and learn from Zlatko Musija, the TED Youth Director, how to create a safe place where students can share their questions and struggles, where they can explore both doubt and faith.



Zlatko Musija is a member of youth ministry team for the Trans-European Division of Seventh-Day Adventists. Zlatko grew up in Croatia, where he served as a pastor, theology teacher, youth director and president. He enjoys opening the Bible with youth and others, inspiring and equipping all to live a transformed life of mission and service. His passion is to help all generations in the Church grow and thrive, encouraged and supported by each other. Zlatko is a husband and a father of three, and loves spending time in nature.

10 April 2019

# EQUIPPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO REACH THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Jovan Adamović

“Why are our young people leaving the church?” is usually the first (and unfortunately often the only) question church leaders ask. And, almost every single one of them has her/his own opinion about it. The second question usually is “What should we do to keep them?” So we plan more Bible studies, go through our fundamentals over and over again, as well as organise more special days, retreats, activities... We spend a lot of time, energy and resources (read: money) on these activities only to conclude that very little/nothing has changed.

What if there is a connection between serving people and the development of a deeper and more intimate relationship with God? If this is so, how can we assist the youth to be more successful in serving people and ultimately coming closer to God?



Jovan Adamović works as a pastor in Wales. He has been involved with youth and community ministries for over 20 years. He completed MA degree in Youth and Community at University of Wales Trinity Saint David. His dissertation title was “Can Christian Youth Group Make a Difference And Improve Local Community's Wellbeing?”. At the moment, he is doing a PhD at the same university, writing about Adventist Church and social justice, trying to establish how young people in the church understand social justice and how much, if at all, their faith and religious experience are shaped by the church's (un)involvement with social justice.

15 May 2019

# HOW TO DEAL WITH FAILURE?

Alex Browne

Sometimes it feels like failing in ministry comes more often than success. The good thing is that God does not stop with our failure. In fact, He uses it. This presentation will take a look at some biblical encouragement on how to think about failing well. This is a unique opportunity to learn from someone with recent experience of being a student and leading student ministry activities. Join us for a session that digs deep into the reality of working with students in the context of here and now.



Alexandra Browne is a Civil Servant living, working and worshipping in London. In the last few years, she has been a very active and passionate participant in a number of youth and student trainings and was engaged in planning and implementing various student mission projects and events.

12 June 2019

# DOING APOLOGETICS IN CROSS-CULTURAL CONTEXT

Arthur Schneider

The word “why” is probably one of the most widely used words in our postmodern society. Why do I have to do it that way? Why am I the way I am? Why is this happening to me? Why should I believe in God? Question over question. But where is the solution? Apologetics is the theological discipline that seeks to answer these questions. So, what is apologetics all about and how do you do apologetics? These and other questions will be discussed in this PowerUp. Be there!



Arthur Schneider works as pastor in Germany and studies Apologetics at the Houston Baptist University. He loves thinking big, good discussions and his Saviour. His heart beats for the students in the world. The Faith intelligently justified and passed on in our secular and indifferent society –that is his passion.

11 September 2019

# WHAT DO MOTHER TERESA AND IRON MAN HAVE IN COMMON? EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE MAKING OF OUR FULL SELF

Belinda É. Samari

This PowerUp session will teach you what emotional intelligence is (and is not), how to become more well-rounded as an individual, and why it is important for living out your purpose and discovering the authentic mode of being God envisioned for us.



A doctoral student in ancient Greek philosophy with a background in Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Belinda É. Samari is a psychologist who specialises in creative modes of expression. She commonly lectures and holds workshops on psychology, creativity, philosophy and biblical studies. She is fascinated by the human being, both practically – in terms of what makes us tick, and theoretically – how our deeper parts affect various aspects of our lives.

9 October 2019

# WORLDVIEWS IN CONFLICT: WHICH GLASSES ARE YOU WEARING?

Arthur Schneider

You probably know the situation: You are in a discussion with another person, about a topic that is clear to you, but you quickly realize that you disagree? According to your opinion, the facts speak crystal clear for your point of view, but the other person just does not want to be convinced and you slowly get the impression that you are probably from different planets. And the question pops up in your mind: "How on earth can you overlook and misinterpret this clear evidence?" It's simple! It's up to the glasses. What I mean by glasses and what role they play in our thinking, decisions and daily life, you will find out in this PowerUp session.



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# FROM AN EVENT TO AN EXPERIENCE: HOW TO PLAN MEANINGFUL MOMENTS

Kärt Lazić

If you are an active member of your community, you will – sooner or later – find yourself facing the task of organising a gathering of a group of people. It might be a youth event, church service, or even just a birthday party. This is an amazing privilege – people take time off their busy lives to dedicate it to a space that you get to shape! Wait. That's quite heavy. How can one make this time meaningful? During our time together, we will look at some tips that will help you shape these moments into unforgettable memories... sometimes even life-changing ones.



Kärt Lazić is a teacher, lecturer, and worship leader at Newbold, UK. She is passionate about arts, music, and communication, and believes that creating an environment in which people can discover and flourish is one of the most amazing experiences anyone can have.

11 December 2019

# PCM THINK TANK: IMAGINING THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY IN EUROPE

Tihomir Lazić

This discussion-based session will provide an opportunity for the PowerUp participants to dream about the future of the PCM in the 21st century Europe. Different creative and innovative ideas for enriching the student and youth ministry at the division, union, conference, and local levels will be explored in groups. The key focus of this brain-storming session will be on generating and articulating various creative insights, tools and plans for improving the way we address students' social, physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Join us on our journey towards excellence! Come and give your dreams and ideas a chance to make a real difference in the world. Let's think big, dream big, believe big together, and the results will be... big.



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