

## 2019 Vessels of Honor Seminars

VOH 2019 Seminars	Saturday Morning	Saturday Afternoon	Sunday Afternoon	Monday Morning
Craig Shakarji	Reliability of the Scriptures	Reliability of the Scriptures	Bible Translations	Bible Translations
Randy Hoffman	Suffering - Lessons from the Ash Heap	Suffering - Lessons from the Cross	Suffering - Lessons from the Ash Heap	Suffering - Lessons from the Cross
Warren Henderson	Avoiding the Entangled Life	The Study of Future Things	Avoiding the Entangled Life	The Study of Future Things
Kate Henderson	When God Seems Far Away		When God Seems Far Away	
Laura Messerly		The Extraordinary Everyday		The Extraordinary Everyday
Nathan Griffiths	Dealing with Depression			Dealing with Depression
Drew Smith		Living as Christians in a Transworld	Living as Christians in a Transworld	

### **Randy Hoffman**

#### Theology of Suffering - Lessons from the Ash Heap

If we live long enough we will find ourselves on the "ash heap," either in response to our own pain & suffering, or someone else's. In this seminar we seek to develop a Biblical paradigm for suffering that should help us avoid some of the mistakes Job's "comforters" made!

#### Theology of Suffering - Lessons from the Cross

The Biblical record reveals that Jesus didn't come to merely explain suffering, but that He experienced it and "learned obedience by the things which He suffered" (Heb 5:8). In this seminar we will think through the real life implications of relating to a God who suffered.

### **Craig Shakarji**

#### The reliability of the transmission of the Bible from its original writings to us today

Many people today believe that the Bible has changed from the time it was originally written until today--whether unintentionally or by deliberate act of fraud. How did we get our Bible? And how do we know it could not have been changed? This session will track the transmission of the Bible from its original writings until today and refute the false claims so often asserted by Muslims, atheists, and others. In the end, we will appreciate some of the genius of God's plan for the preservation of His Word.

### Bible translations - aims, texts, and difficulties

Translating the Bible is no easy task, filled with decisions and trade-offs between being literal and understandable. A student of the Bible should be aware of the aims and the texts used by the translators and not be limited (for study purposes) to a single translation or category of translation. We will explain the spectrum of translation types and identify the aims of several common translations. Examples throughout will highlight the difficulties in translating and help guide through the myriad of translations available. The workshop on transmission of the Bible, though helpful to this, is not a prerequisite.

### **Warren Henderson**

#### Avoiding the Entangled Life

To live above the average, believers must maintain an uncluttered and disciplined life style. What should be my priorities in life's affairs? How can I become more available for God's use? How can I avoid the entangled life so that I am not needlessly drawn away from my duty to God?

#### Eschatology – The Study of Future Things (two parts)

If you don't understand what terms such as "Amillennialism," "Prewrath," "Preterism," "Adventism," or "Replacement Theology" mean this seminar is for you. The purpose of the seminar is to equip believers to understand why Scripture teaches a pretribulation, premillennial coming of Christ and to motivate them to serve while yearning for His coming. First session: differing millennial or kingdom views. Second session: different tribulation views.

### **Kate Henderson** (for women only)

#### Living Above the Average...When God Seems Far Away

God promises His children He will never leave us or forsake us, if we seek Him we will find Him, and if we draw near to Him He will draw near to us. But what do we do when our human experience does not reflect God's assurances?

### **Laura Messerly** (for women only)

#### The Extraordinary Everyday

So, you're not rescuing orphans from temples, translating the Bible, or confronting the village witchdoctor. How can an ordinary 21st century woman in North America live an extraordinary life for the Lord? Explore the kinship of hoping and doing, trusting and cultivating. See what God's word says about living an honorable life and share practical habits and pursuits that will shape each day into something meaningful.

### **Nathan Griffiths**

#### Dealing with Depression

This would cover the realities of what depression means in an individual's life, some reflections on my own personal experience and some encouragement from scripture.

### **Drew Smith**

#### 2013 and Beyond: Living as Christians in a Trans World

The end of 2013 marked a shift in Western thinking regarding transgender issues. This seminar gives an overview of transgenderism and its effects on society, followed by a biblical perspective and some suggestions for a Christ-like response.