Advancement Leaders Forum

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Set Free to Lead — The Journey to Becoming a Steward Leader

Overview: The Gospels are clear. Our lives before Christ are as stewards, not owners. This truth is powerfully transforming for everyone, but especially for those who lead and serve in resource development for their institutions. The paradigm shift is profound and the benefits almost unimaginable. Consider the trail signs of this journey with a passionate ambassador for everyone becoming a steward leader.

7:00 – 8:00 **Forum Breakfast — Regency Foyer**

8:00 – 8:15 **Welcome & Introductions**

8:15 – 9:30 **Session 1: Preparing for the Journey and a Tale of Two Kingdoms**

God calls us to live and lead as stewards in a world of owners. We will discover the contours of the journey from one to the other and name our second kingdom treasures along the way.

- Understand the ownership battle that every leader faces
- Identify the forces that keep us in bondage
- Experience the freedom of the journey of the faithful steward

9:30 – 10:15 **Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer**

10:15 – 11:45 **Session 2: Treks #1 and #2: Knowing and Following the Owner**

There is power in surrender if we refuse to play the owner in every area of our lives. We will see how this power is only known in an intimate relationship with the owner, and we will discover how to nurture that relationship.

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11:45 – 12:00 **A word from our Sponsor**

12:00 – 1:00 **Buffet Lunch — Regency Foyer**

1:00 – 2:15 **Session 3: Treks #3 and #4: Identity and Our Journey with Others**

When we name and reject counterfeit versions of our identify, we are set free to fix our image, identity, and value in right place. As we are set free as leaders, we can set others free with whom we journey.

- Identify the counterfeit influences we allow to shape our identity
- Discover tools to help us stand firm in our identity as steward leaders
- Understand our calling to be fellow travelers, used by God to set others free

2:15 – 3:00 **Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer**

3:00 – 4:15 **Session 4: Trek #5: The God Who Provides and Mapping Our Battle Plan**

When we see and trust God as our provider, we are set free to be faithful leaders whom God can use powerfully for his work. We will conclude by taking the outcomes of each of our five treks and creating a battle plan that will guide us as we seek to live as stewards set free to lead.

- Discover the freedom of moving from a scarcity mindset to an abundance worldview
- Develop a plan to take the convictions from the 5 treks and make them your own
- Gain from the insights of others as we share and pray together

4:15 – 4:30 **Wrap Up**

6:00 – 8:30 **Connections Dinner — Ballroom B/C/D**

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