


Challenge

CONFERENCE

120+ leaders, from across generations and denominations will be gathering from 8-9 August 2025 at The Lantern Centre, Kingston.

We meet to encourage each other in raising up, nourishing and multiplying leaders that faithfully and courageously seek to see churches across Tasmania moving forward in serving the gospel.



What's happening

Friday

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| 1:00pm | Registration opens |
| 1:30pm | Main Session #1 – Chase Kuhn |
| 2:45pm | Afternoon Tea |
| 3:15pm | All-in Ministry Seminar – Chase Kuhn |
| 4:30pm | Leadership Electives |
| 5:30pm | Dinner |
| 7:00pm | Main Session #2 – Mikey Lynch |
| 8:45pm | Finish |

Saturday

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| 8:15am | Ministry Paths and Networks |
| 9:00am | Challenge Kids opens |
| 9:30am | Main Session #3 – Chase Kuhn |
| 11:00am | Morning Tea |
| 11:30am | Main session #4 – Mikey Lynch |
| 12:30pm | Lunch |
| 1:30pm | One-to-One Ministry Conversations |
| 2:30pm | Leadership Electives |
| 3:30pm | Afternoon Tea |
| 4:00pm | Main Session #5 – Chase Kuhn |
| 5:30pm | Finish |

Challenge 2025

The comforting and compelling love of God

Main Speakers



Chase Kuhn is the rector of St Matthias Centennial Park. Previously, Chase taught theology and ethics at Moore College.

A native of California, he and his family have called Australia home since 2011. He is passionate about helping people connect the Bible's teaching to every area of life and ministry.



Mikey Lynch is the Campus Director of the University Fellowship of Christians, UTAS, Hobart. Mikey was a founder of The Vision 100 Tasmanian church planting network and is currently a board member of Reach Australia.

He is also the Editorial Director of The Gospel Coalition Australia and the chairman of New Front Door: the Church IT Guild. He is married to Nikki and has three children

The Main Sessions

Big preaching *from interstate and Tasmanian speakers*

Lively singing *with an interdenominational band*

Heartfelt ministry prayer: *global, local, personal*

Engaging interviews *from emerging and mature leaders*

All-in Ministry Seminar

The Church as a School of Morality | Chase Kuhn

Morality is not an individual concern. While morality is real, and therefore universal, we are encultured people. The challenges we encounter are often common, even if personal. God gifts His people with the church for their moral formation.

Together in Christ God's people are afforded the freedom to live in the light of the truth, in the power of the Spirit. Yet at the same time our togetherness of life enables and demands the cultivation of virtue. John made it plain: if we know the God who is love, we will love.

Our all-in seminar will unpack the reality and importance of our churches and ministries being places where our attitudes, behaviors and beliefs of what is right and wrong, what is permissible and beneficial, held as vice or virtue is formed.

Leadership Electives

Take a deeper dive into key topics related to our leadership that will better equip, train and support us in the areas of our character, convictions and competencies. You can attend two out of the four electives across the conference and can pick on the day which one you would like to join.

- 1. Holistic strategy: leading church as an organism** – *Mikey Lynch*
- 2. AI in ministry: philosophy, principles, and practices** – *Emma Wilkins & Paul Matthews*
- 3. Reframing Mission: Intentional Rhythms for Everyday Disciples** – *Ben Johnson*
- 4. Cultivating relational wisdom for healthy ministries** – *Anthea Dallas & Luke Hansard*

Holistic strategy: leading church as an organism

Mikey Lynch (Evangelist | Writer)

Have you ever thought that a ministry in your church going really really well could become a problem? Or discovered that struggling to recruit growth group leaders could be caused by the Sunday school ministry? Have you considered that a proactive leader starting a WhatsApp group could disrupt not only church communications but community life? Do you understand the ways in which the mid-week mums' Bible study group does more than just a regular growth group?

This elective explores an integrated approach to church leadership and strategic thinking. Mikey will help us see the potential gains that can come from thinking of the church as an organic whole.

AI in ministry: philosophy, principles, and practices

Emma Wilkins (Journalist | Writer) &

Paul Matthews (AI Consultant | Teacher)

As Artificial Intelligence continues to reshape society, those of us responsible for ministry in our churches and Christian organisations need to know how to faithfully engage with this reality. AI technologies influence everything from communication to discipleship, church operations to teaching material for Kids Church. We are now faced with new questions—new opportunities and new dangers.

Coming from their two areas of expertise and outlooks on the topic- one more cautious and one who is an advocate, Emma Wilkins and Paul Matthews will explore the theological implications, ethical considerations, and ministry applications of AI through a Christian lens. They'll help better equip you to lead with wisdom, integrity, and vision in a rapidly evolving digital world.





Reframing Mission: Intentional Rhythms for Everyday Disciples

Ben Johnson (Minister St Mark's Anglican, Cygnet | Church Planter)

Do you feel as if you're constantly pulled in many directions—juggling programs, managing people, and responding to endless needs? What if mission isn't about doing more, but noticing more? What if the most fruitful discipleship doesn't come from launching new programs, but from reshaping our rhythms? What might it look like if mission was woven into our natural patterns of life, with margins for rest and refreshment?

This workshop invites you to rethink mission as a way of life—where discipleship and evangelism happen in ordinary moments. We'll explore a framework for cultivating intentional rhythms that align with God's ongoing work in the world. Expect to be challenged, encouraged, and equipped to lead others into a deeper, more sustainable life of mission—one that flows from presence, prayer, and participation.

Cultivating Relational Wisdom for Healthy Ministry

Anthea Dallas (Medical doctor and academic program leader) &

Luke Hansard (International Student Ministries Overseer | Cross-cultural worker)

Ministry is dynamic, demanding, and deeply relational. There's much we do well—or think we do! Much we get right, and other things we may not even realise we're missing. Being an emotionally intelligent leader is more than a helpful skill; it's critical for spiritual leadership and Christlike character.

Join Anthea Dallas and Luke Hansard as they share biblical insights, practical tools, ministry learnings and leadership stories to help you grow in self-awareness, trust building, and thoughtfulness in your leadership, so you better serve with compassion and integrity.

Ministry Pathways & Network Meetings

A casual and dedicated time of meeting people in shared areas of ministry passion, discussing ideas, getting informed and exploring needs and opportunities for serving the kingdom in Tasmania and beyond.

Optional

- 1. Women in leadership**
- 2. Ministry Traineeships (MTS)**
- 3. Serving cross-cultures: Global Mission**
- 4. The Ministry Engine Room: Admin and Operations**
- 5. Leading new initiatives: Church Planting and multiplication**

One-to-One Ministry Conversations

Half an hour intentional chat with a ministry leader or peer

Unique to Challenge is the opportunity to sit down with someone outside of your circle to discuss 'what serving the Lord in your life looks like'. The one-to-one ministry conversations are an informal but intentional chat designed for all ages and all stages. They provide the chance to think about current and future ministry and how you can grow in your service to God.

Prayer Meeting

Prayer for the raising up and growing of leaders is an important part of our responsibility. We want to express our dependence on God for the multiplication of disciples in Tasmania and beyond. There will be a devoted time to pray for and reflect on our areas of service and ministry across our state.





Challenge Kids

Kinder – Grade 6 | Saturday 9th August only | Limited spaces

At Challenge, we're passionate about helping young hearts, not just older ones, grow in active faith - faith marked by joyful service to King Jesus.

We'd love for your children to join us, as we work together to raise the next generation of gospel-hearted disciples - whether in everyday life or vocational ministry.

Challenge Kids is a full-day program packed with fun and faith-building activities: games, songs, Bible talks, small group discussions, craft, and even a movie. The program is led by trained and screened leaders from local churches, and coordinated by the Jono Thomas, Families Minister at Lindisfarne Anglican.

This year's theme is "Royal Kingdom: following the Good King". Together, we'll be building castles, training to become knights, completing quests, and, most importantly, hearing about King Jesus - our Good Shepherd (John 10.1-21) and our Good servant (John 13.2-17).

The program begins at 9:30am, with sign-in from 9.00am. Children will rejoin you at 5:15pm for the final session, so we can finish the conference day together.

Salt and Light Coffee

Coffee lovers we've got you covered!

Salt and Light Coffee will be serving on demand hot drinks you can purchase across the daytime period of the conference.