



## Homeschooling Lifestyle Conference

“Because there is more to life than homeschooling, and more to homeschooling than just doing school”

Friday, March 6

Registration and speaker tables open

2:00 pm

Breakout Workshop #1

3:00-3:50 pm Debra Anderson

### **Missional Homeschooling: Learning Together as Sent People**

We have the opportunity to engage more than our own kids with the redemptive power of the gospel. We live in communities that need us to practice the justice of God in relational and personal ways. Together we'll explore intentional, regular rhythms of service and restoration that will get you and your kids active as the hands and feet of Jesus.

Renée Gotcher

### **Next Generation Homeschooling**

Renee is a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation homeschooler and lends a unique perspective to what it's like to homeschool now compared to when she was homeschooled: how the homeschool landscape has changed; and how that perspective influences our decisions in today's landscape – pros and cons of the current popularity in homeschooling.

Breakout Workshop #2

4:00-4:50 pm Ashley Wiggers

### **Practical Ways to Develop Critical Thinking**

Thinking skills are buzzwords in education today – everyone wants to include them in their curriculum plans! In this seminar, Ashley will explain what thinking skills are and how to incorporate strategies into daily life that will bring great results in your child's ability to think. Include these ideas to add critical thinking to any curriculum!

Melinda Biddy

### **Homeschooling a Plethora of Children**

Melinda is a mom with a quiver that is definitely full of beautiful children ranging in age from college down to infant. She shares her insights into making a large family work both practically and relationally.

Breakout Workshop #3

5:00-5:50 pm Debra Anderson

### **Tune My Heart: Spiritual Disciplines for Homeschool Moms**

When the kids were born did you notice that your prayer time suffered, your worship became less vibrant, and your walk with Jesus just seemed to go on auto-pilot? You're not the only one. We spend our days pouring into our families, but when we don't tune our hearts to God we can become an empty vessel. Let's take a fresh look at spiritual disciplines, explore how they really can fit into your busy, daily life and learn how they can help conform you more and more into the image of Christ.

Danielle Sterner

### **What I Learned About Boys While Training My German Shepherd**

Addresses the core need for leadership and physical outlets boys have, and how to provide these while staying feminine.

6:00-6:50 pm

Dinner and speaker tables open

Keynote Opening Session

7:00-8:20 pm Lori Lane

### **Beginning with The End in Mind**

Confusion, discouragement and depression seem to be a way of life for many mothers. Life seems overwhelming and complicated. It is a maze of decisions and opportunities. Often discouragement comes from feeling lost along the journey of life. By beginning with what God considers to be the two most important priorities and planning our lives by beginning with that end in mind, life becomes less complicated and our paths become more clear. Learn how to simplify your decisions and your lives by God's guiding priorities.

8:30-9:15 pm

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8:15-8:55 am

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### Keynote Session #2

9:00-10:20 am Ashley Wiggers

#### **How Do You Keep a Long Term Perspective?**

It can be difficult to keep the big picture of homeschooling in mind amidst the trials of everyday life. Ashley will share about what really matters in the end, from a homeschool graduate's perspective. She will speak to common concerns on the hearts and minds of parents and bring encouragement for the journey ahead.

### Breakout Workshop #4

10:30-11:20 am Marcia Washburn

#### **Managing a Business While Managing Your Home**

Many women are seeking ways to contribute to the household income without neglecting their calling as wives and mothers. How does a busy mom balance the needs of her family with the demands of running a home business? Marcia shares important insight gleaned from her experience running three businesses while homeschooling her five sons.

Renée Gotcher

#### **Homeschooling with Faith not Fear**

Renee shares some of her personal story of struggles with physical anxiety and how God has taught her to trust Him on a whole new level and with seeing homeschooling as another layer of parenting & discipleship.

### Breakout Workshop #5

11:30-12:20 pm Marcia Washburn

#### **The Ideal Homeschooling Mother**

Women have a tendency to compare themselves unfavorably with other women, and homeschooling moms are no exception. This encouraging presentation explores God's plan for your homeschool and why He chose you to mother your children. It reminds us to live our lives one chapter at a time and to gain strength from mentoring relationships.

Lori Lane

#### **Playing with Blocks**

Life is sometimes like playing with blocks. We try and stack, and build, and we continue to add hoping the stack of blocks won't tip over. There is a method to this madness and in this workshop we talk about lining up our "blocks of time" with our priorities in way that provides enough structure and flexibility for success.

Ashley Wiggers

#### **The Importance of Understanding Learning Styles**

Our goal as homeschoolers is to teach as effectively as possible, so it can be stressful when the lessons we teach aren't understood, or our children seem frustrated. Come to this workshop to learn how to overcome obstacles that may limit your ability to teach, and your children's ability to understand. Shared from the perspective of the student, Ashley will provide tips that can help your children achieve their greatest learning success.

12:30-1:20 pm

Lunch and speaker tables open



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## Keynote Session #3

1:30-2:50 pm Danielle Sterner

### “What’s your Style?” Embrace your Uniqueness and Live it Out

Discover your "mom- type" and be inspired to embrace your unique design as a mom! We can give our children a life-long gift by modeling what it is to love the unique way God created us, and to celebrate the differences in our families and communities. Live beyond the comparison game, and learn how to distinguish between what God expects of all women, and what He may just want from you. Once you have this foundational perspective, you'll see how easy it is to prioritize your time, organize your home, choose curriculum, and live at peace with those choices.

## Breakout Workshop #6

3:00-3:50 pm Marcia Washburn

### Homemade Convenience Foods

Have you ever wished you could spend more time with your family than with your pots and pans? This practical workshop shows you how to break free from the kitchen and get tasty meals on the table in fifteen minutes – without using TV dinners. Recipes and techniques are included.

Lori Lane

### Mental Hooks...Tying it All Together with Creative & Integrative Approaches to Learning

Being educated isn't just completing a set curriculum. It is understanding the principles and concepts in a way that makes it easy to apply those principles and concepts into everyday life. However, many times the way we “homeschool” is simply by replicating and doing school at home. Learn the power of creative and integrative learning for students kindergarten through high school.

## Breakout Workshop #7

4:00-4:50 pm Danielle Sterner

### “Don’t Cross this Line!” Preserving Personal Boundaries in Marriage with Honoring your Husband

A transparent auto-biography of how I lost myself for a season and my journey back to being me and loving him.

Melinda Biddy

### A Tapestry of Arts

Melinda shares how to weave the arts into your life as a family and into your individual children’s hearts and minds.

5:00-5:50 pm

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## Keynote Session #4

6:00-7:30 pm Lori Lane

### God’s Story of You: Finding Comfort in God’s Tapestry

Each of our lives encounter unique people, unique challenges, unique circumstances, and unique relationships. God uses each of those threads to weave together a beautiful, one-of-a-kind tapestry that can be used by Him in unique ways. Sometimes we tug at those threads. Sometimes we don't like the color of those threads...and yet, if we can step back from the loom, we will see that God is using all these things for our good. This is cause for thankfulness and rejoicing. In this session, Lori shares Biblical principles, personal examples, and unique experiences to encourage all of us to cloth ourselves in the tapestry of our lives.

7:30-8:30pm

Speaker tables open