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LEADING GROUPS THAT THRIVE

# April 29-May 1, 2024

Summer's Mill Retreat & Conference Center

Belton, TX



Ken Braddy is the director of Sunday School for Lifeway Christian Resources through which he champions Sunday School as a writer, blogger, podcaster and trainer. From 2010-2021, Ken served as Lifeway's managing director for all adult ongoing curriculum used by approximately 3M people weekly.

Ken has served on several church staffs as a discipleship pastor. His first church began as a mission with 44 people and grew to over 2400 members, becoming the fastest growing Sunday School in Texas for more than seven years. Ken recently served 3 years on a church staff in middle Tennessee, helping it become the fastest growing Sunday School in Tennessee pre-COVID. When he is not serving as an interim church staff leader or consultant, he teaches an ongoing Bible study group at his church in Tennessee.

Ken has the largest active Sunday School and small groups blog in the country (kenbraddy.com). He has authored and/or compiled 8 books on Sunday school and small groups and has written numerous articles for Lifeway Research, Facts & Trends Magazine, Outreach.com and Church Leader. com. His 2019 book, "Breathing Life into Sunday School", has gone through 2 reprints, and his latest book, "Breakthrough: Creating a New Scorecard for Group Ministry Success", was released in August 2022 through B&H Publishing. In March 2023, Ken launched a highly successful podcast for ongoing groups called "Disciple-Making In Community with Ken Braddy", where he enlists multiple church practitioners per episode to discuss current trends in church education ministry. His latest book, "Welcome Aboard!" (December 2023), is a call for Bible study groups to provide a higher level of biblical hospitality to guests.

Ken and Tammy have been married for 37 years, have two grown sons and two grandchildren, Logan and Nora Gail. He loves good Tex-Mex and Texas barbecue, and wishes he had his high school car back, a 1978 Camaro.

# Schedule

## Monday, April 29

5:00 p.m.

Conference Center

Registration, Fellowship, Exhibits

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Dining Room

Dinner

6:45 p.m.

Conference Center

Session 1

8:30 p.m.

Conference Center

Fellowship

Tuesday, April 30

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast

Dining Room

8:30 a.m.

Session 2

Conference Center

10:10 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

Session 3

Conference Center

11:30 a.m.

Lunch and afternoon at your leisure \*Things to do

4:00 p.m.

Chisholm Trail
Meeting Room

Discipleship Roundtable Discussion (optional)

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Dining Room

Dinner

6:45 p.m.

Conference Center

Session 4

8:20 p.m.

Conference Center

Fellowship

# Wednesday, May 1

7:00-8:00 a.m.

Breakfast

Dining Room

8:30 a.m.

Session 5

Conference Center

Dismiss

11:00 a.m.

\*Click **HERE** for things to do

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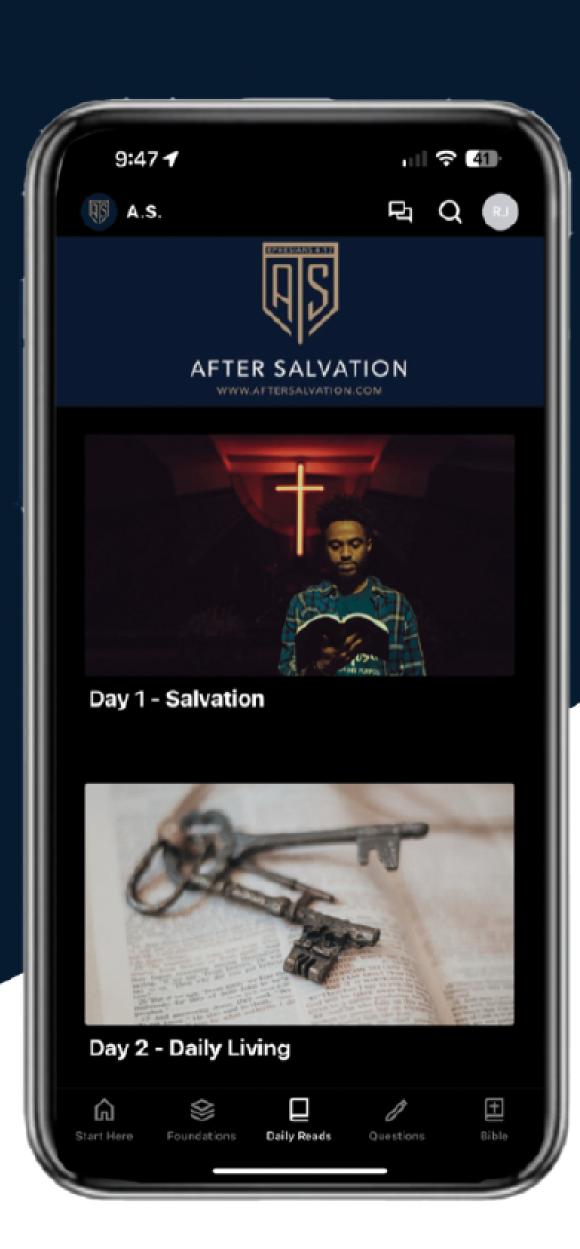


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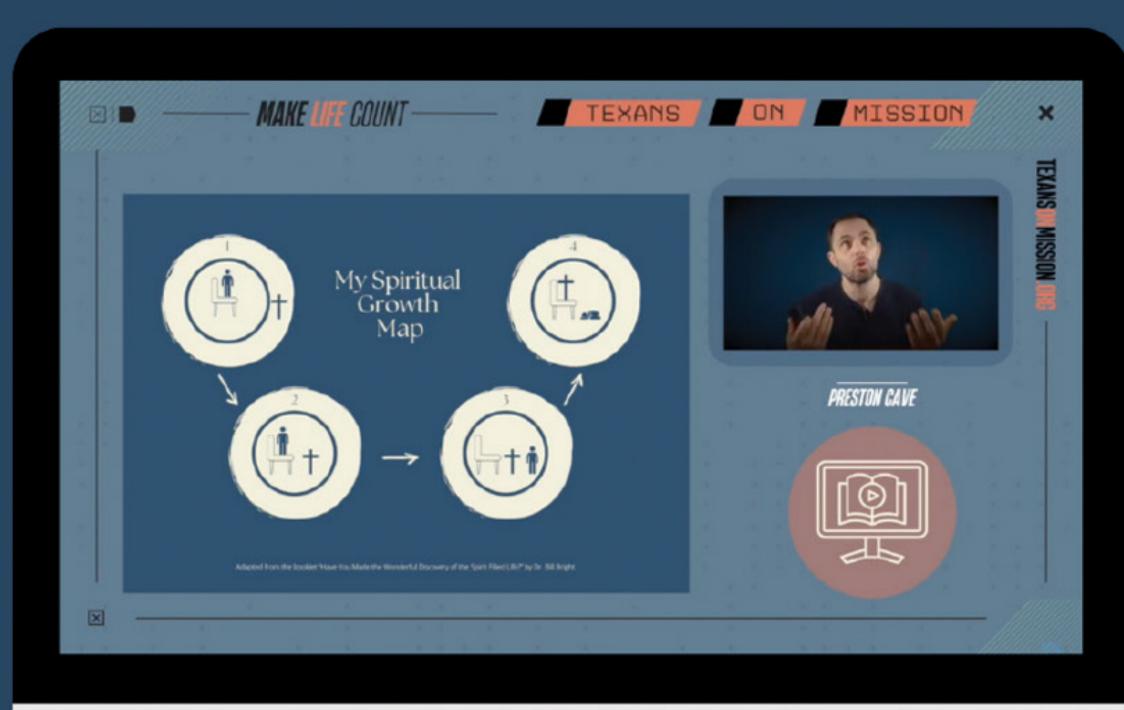
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The Discipleship Collective provides annual leadership development events for volunteer and staff leaders in Sunday school and small group ministry across the state.

## Join us this Fall!

August 10, 2024 Woodlawn Baptist Church, Austin

August 17, 2024 Northside Baptist Church, Victoria

August 24, 2024
Trinity Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant

September 7, 2024 Wayland Baptist University, Plainview

> September 21, 2024 Del Sol Church, El Paso

October 19, 2024 FBC, College Station

TBD FBC Waxahachie

# Regional Fellowship Groups

Please contact the person below in your region to be added to their email invitation list. Most groups meet for lunch and informal fellowship. Others include a topic for discussion or training. If you have a fellowship group in another region you would like listed here, contact David Adams, Discipleship director for Texas Baptists (david. adams@txb.org or 214-828-5253).

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# Fellowship at the Texas Baptists Annual Meeting

Coordinator: David Adams — david.adams@txb.org or 214-828-5253 — held each year near the location of the Texas Baptists Annual Meeting.

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