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DEFINITION

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It is often said that leadership can be isolated; trying to be a Christian leader in the global marketplace in the 21<sup>st</sup> century even more so. While that can be true, it doesn't need to be. You are part of an ancient movement across the global marketplace throughout the pages of time-a pattern of God raising up and sending out leaders in commerce as agents of His gospel, ambassadors of His Kingdom. Every month more than 3,000 leaders gather at C12 Group tables across the globe to build "great businesses for a greater purpose" together. Every month these leaders impact more than 8M people through business. You are not alone!

current

[cur·rent]

#### adjective

Belonging to the present time; happening or being used or done now

noun

A body of water or air moving in a definite direction

[or]

a flow of electricity, which results from the ordered directional movement of electrically charged particles

Leaders,

The world is crying out for justice, love, virtue, identity, and purpose. Oddly, it yearns for the gospel of Jesus Christ while maligning His truth. As a cadre we emerged from #2020 renewed with the clarity that we are truly "stronger together," and that this is the perfect time for excellent, redemptive, flourishing businesses to advance. Over these two days we'll exchange best practices, insights, and success factors; build relationships; and sharpen the saw (Eccles. 10:10) to steward our Kingdom assignments with zeal. God has entrusted you with incredible "Kingdom Torque," and we pray you'll notch up the leverage through this experience.

On behalf of the C12 Board of Directors, HQ team, and global cadre—welcome to CURRENT21!

Grace & Peace,

together.

**CEO & President** 

There are more than 120,000 businesses (SMB+) owned or led by a follower of Jesus in the US alone. The Enemy would want you to be overwhelmed in isolation, feeling it's "me vs. the world," but that is not the truth! As messed up as the world is, what is truly dangerous is usfollowers of Jesus standing for truth, building businesses that change the world, glorify God, and transform lives. Our calling, platforms, influence, and Owner are what is dangerous. This is an "ancient future" movement. We gather to connect with one another and best practices, engage in learning and Business-as-a-Ministry (#BaaM) intentionality, and then advance

### **Conference Hosts**

#### **Brandon West**

Conference Host

Gainesville, Florida Member Since > 2019

Brandon founded PHOS Creative at the age of 26 out of his home office. A strategy-first digital marketing agency headquartered in Florida, PHOS' growth and culture have been highlighted in the Inc. 5000, Gator100, and this year in Florida Trend's Best Companies To Work For. PHOS' driving passion is to fulfill its mission: to be a company that team members never want to leave, clients can't do without, and the world is better for and, in so doing, exemplify the love of Jesus Christ.



Member Since ► 2014

James is the CEO of Figmints Digital Creative Marketing, a full-service agency of 20 employees that helps companies GO DIGITAL through brand storytelling, interactive solutions, and growth marketing strategies. James started the company in 2012 and has seen double-digit growth every year since he joined C12 in 2014.

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### **Area Attractions**

### **Disney Springs®**

2.6 MI / 4.22 KM AWAY

Behind the hotel, Disney Springs<sup>®</sup> is home to dining, shopping, and entertainment. Enjoy a meal at RainForest Café or Planet Hollywood Observatory, then see a live show at House of Blues<sup>®</sup>.

#### SeaWorld<sup>®</sup> Orlando

4.7 MI / 7.56 KM AWAY

A park with fun water performances for the family, along with rollercoasters, shows, tours, and more.

#### Grand Cypress Golf Course

2.5 MI / 4.1 KM AWAY

The Jack Nicklaus Signature Designed Grand Cypress Golf Course offers 18 holes to challenge golfers of all skill levels. Call the pro-shop for rates and availability to schedule your visit.

#### **ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex**

6.6 MI / 10.62 KM AWAY

This sports complex offers the ultimate experience for athletes and fans. An expansive venue allows for more than 60 sports, including baseball, soccer, and gymnastics.

Universal CityWalk Orlando

8.6 MI / 13.80 KM AWAY

Energy-filled attraction at Universal Orlando featuring a variety of restaurants, shops, and family shows.

#### **Discovery Cove®**

4.6 MI / 7.46 KM AWAY

One of the best water parks in Orlando offers a lazy river and once-in-a-lifetime encounters with dolphins, rays, and birds.

#### Orlando Vineland Premium Outlets®

2.9 MI / 4.73 KM AWAY

Orlando's premier luxury outlet located across the highway from our hotel, where guests can indulge in designer fashions at Barney's New York, Fendi, La Perla, and more.

#### Museum of Military History

5.3 MI / 8.6 KM AWAY

A historical glimpse into the American military heritage, with heroic accounts of bravery and sacrifices from those who have fought to maintain freedom. The exhibits include hundreds of genuine artifacts, military relics, photographs, and memorable accounts by former soldiers.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

### Wednesday

MAY 5

3:00-5:00pm	Registration
4:00-5:00pm	Ambassador Reception [Invitation Only]
5:00-6:00pm	Networking
6:00-9:00pm	Opening Banquet
	Welcome & C12 Awards
7:15-8:00pm	Plenary Session #1 - Benham Brothers
8:00-8:45pm	Plenary Session #2 - Kris DenBesten

### Thursday

MAY 6

7:00-7:45am	Breakfast	1:00-1:30pm	Break
7:45-8:30am	Plenary Session #3 - John Stonestreet	1:30-2:30pm	Breakout Sessions #2
8:30-9:00am	Break		Robert Ming
9:00-10:00am	Super Breakout Sessions		Travis Penfield
	3Ten Coalition		Jeff Thomas
	Alliance Defending Freedom	2:30-3:00pm	Break
10:00-10:30am	Break	3:00-4:00pm	Breakout Sessions #3
10:30-11:30am	Breakout Sessions #1		Simon Lee
	Bill Blezard		Erik Reagan
	Tim Kachuriak		David Wilson
	Ben Seegars	4:00-6:00pm	Networking
11:30-12:00pm	Break	6:00-9:00pm	Dinner
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch	7:00-7:35pm	Plenary Session #5 - Kelv
12:15-12:50pm	Plenary Session #4 - Rick Betenbough	7:35-8:05pm	Plenary Session #6 - Chao

Thursday [continued]

### Friday

MAY 7

7:00-8:00am	Breakfast
8:00-8:45am	Plenary Session #7 - Sam Thevanayagam
8:45-9:30am	Plenary Session #8 - Joelle Marquis
9:30-10:00am	Break
10:00-10:10am	Plenary Special Message from Ismael & Thaís Akiyama
10:10-11:00am	Plenary Closing Session - Mike Sharrow

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Time of Worship with Special Guest

Chris Tomlin

# Shouldn't your giving be as strategic as your business?

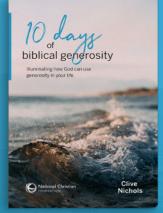
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In 2017, the C12 Board of Directors moved in unity to permit the commissioning of Chairs outside the US, based upon an international business framework, if God were to bring forward pioneers and "people of peace."

Since then, we've trained and commissioned Chairs in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Singapore, and multiple markets across Brazil (Curitiba, Campinas, Teresina, Maringá, São Paulo.) Our non-US community has grown to 16 Chairs and more than 140 Members!

Efforts are underway to launch similar C12 communities in Egypt, South Africa, China, Australia, and more in 2021-2022.

MEET THE C12 CHAIRS AND PEERS BY COUNTRY:

#### Brazil

Chairs - Sergio Damiani, Murilo Haddad, Elizeu Scudeler Bueno. Daniel Barragan, Fabio Dudas Carelli, Pierre Perensin, Diovani Angelli, Glauco Piza

CEO Members - 67

Key Players - 19





### Malaysia

Chairs - Kah Hooi Lim, Ivan Sia, Peter Tan, Yoke Ming, Samuel Low, Joey Teh

CEO Members - 32

Key Players - 12

### Singapore

Chairs - Henry Lee, Jerome Joseph

CEO Members - 10

#### CHAIRS

Nigel Adams Northern Virginia

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Allen Powell Middle Tennessee

John Price Colorado South

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Bill Sitter Central Texas

Mike Stanley **Greater Phoenix** 

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Tom Walther Eastern Washington

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Randy Warwick Cincinnati

> David Weigelt Central Marvland

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### Honoring Our C12 Heroes

C12 Heroes are individuals who have demonstrated unwavering commitment to the use of their business opportunities to model and share the love of God. They have kept perspective through times of trial and have stayed the course. Pushing the envelope of the meaning of "ministry in the marketplace," they have innovatively used business relationships as conduits of the Good News while building exemplary businesses based on biblical principles.





Janet Ward Black Ward Black Law Greensboro, NC

Buy On Purpose Houston, TX

Simon Lee





John Roaers Performance Pulsation Control, Inc. Richardson, TX



**Dean Harrington** Shamrock Home Loans East Providence, RI



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#### **2019 HEROES**

Todd Stewart Gulf Winds International Houston, TX

Troy Meachum ACR Supply

Tom Gardner Hay Creek Companies Pittsville, WI

Jim Nooney Nooney Controls Corp. Kingstown, RI

#### **2017 HEROES**

Bill Cox Cox Manufacturing San Antonio, TX

Carl Long ScansAmerica

Dallas Barnes Hampton Farms

#### 1997-2006 HEROES

Bob Mack ['97] S.H. Mack Company

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Dallas1 Construction & Development Corp.

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Charlie Brown Precision Plumbing

Dan Floen Professional Materials Management, Inc.

**Robert Barker** Bob Barker Company

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Maddox & Associates

Jay Fechtel ['04] Fechtel Custom Homes

#### Bill King ['06]

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Lara Casey

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Marty Cayton

Bob Chalker

Jorge Chavez

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David Collum

Shari Conley

Meg Cook

Mike Cook

Mark Cordes

Jacob Corn

Sam Cuccia

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Kurt David

Ally Davidson

Peter Demos

Michael Denci

Steven Denny

David DePratter

Beth Diemert

Wade Dixon

Todd Dodson

Brian Dovle

Kyle Draper

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### Inspire • Amplify • Transform

C12 would like to extend a special thank-you to the Ambassadors who continue to advocate for C12 membership, share their insights and expertise with us, and promote the power of peers in their network. Their contribution to the mission of C12 is making an impact and we are grateful.

#### To learn more about the Ambassador Program, email marketing@c12group.com

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# **YOUR KINGDOM IMPACT PARTNER**



"Sending the Pocket Testaments in our monthly statements gets Christ through the doors of businesses, which we might not be able to do otherwise. We may not see the results in this life. Read Isaiah 55:11. It's God's promise, not ours."

-Chris Bryan, Northwest Drywall, C12 Member



We know it can be hard to be a person of faith in today's marketplace. It can leave you feeling isolated and unsure about how to share your faith.

#### WE GET IT

That's why we developed a simple method for evangelism that anyone can implement in their business. And we have partnered with hundreds of business leaders to help them identify the most impactful ways to use their business to accomplish God's plan.

#### **FIND OUT MORE**

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# **FEATURED SPEAKERS**

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PLENARY



**DAVID & JASON BENHAM** Entrepreneurs & Best-Selling Authors/Benham Brothers

Member Since ► 2012



**KELVIN COCHRAN** Author & Speaker



**ISMAEL & THAÍS AKIYAMA** Founder & CEO/Akiyama **Biometric Solutions** 

Member Since > 2018 & 2019



**KRIS DENBESTEN** CEO/Vermeer Southeast Sales & Svc, Inc.



JOHN STONESTREET President/Colson Center for **Christian Worldview** 



RICK BETENBOUGH CEO/Betenbough Companies



CHAD SPENCER CEO/Dufresne Spencer Group



SAM THEVANAYAGAM President/Parts Life, Inc.



JOELLE MARQUIS Senior Partner/Arsenal Capital Member Since ► 2018



MIKE SHARROW President & CEO/C12 Member Since ► 2010



#### David & Jason Benham Entrepreneurs & Best-Selling

Authors/Benham Brothers

#### MAY 5

## Plenary Session #1 7:15-8:00pm

#### Our Theology Is Our Biography

As a casualty of cancel culture, the Benham Brothers' business success landed them a reality show with HGTV that was abruptly cancelled when activist groups pressured the network to fire them because of their commitment to biblical values. These acclaimed entrepreneurs, former professional baseball players, and best-selling authors will share how the gospel can change what we build, how we build it, and *why* we build it.

#### Speaker Bio

Twin brothers David and Jason Benham are former professional baseball players, nationally acclaimed entrepreneurs, and best-selling authors. Their first company, which grew to 100 offices in 35 states, allowed them to be featured in *Inc.* magazine's Fastest Growing Companies, Franchise 500's Top New Franchises, Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Finalists, the *Wall Street Journal's* Top Five Real Estate Agents in America list, and more. Their self-sustaining revenue model, called "missioneering," has allowed businesses and ministry programs to be created and grow both locally and abroad since 2010. NOTES



Kris DenBesten CEO/Vermeer Southeast Sales & Svc, Inc.

Member Since > 2012

#### MAY 5

# Plenary Session #2 8:00-8:45pm

#### Turning Over Ownership

After rapidly scaling his company and eventually selling it to an ESOP, Kris realized he had finally built a great business for a greater purpose. However, he discovered he had neglected to focus on the most important areas God called him to manage well. Kris will share his journey of discovery and the hard lessons of surrender he learned along the way.

#### Speaker Bio

Kris DenBesten currently serves as CEO of Vermeer Southeast, a construction equipment company headquartered in Orlando, Florida. Under his leadership the company has experienced growth in annual sales from \$6 million to over \$150 million. Kris has authored three books on leadership, facing crisis, and living by faith. He is a down-to-earth, from-the-heart communicator who effectively connects with all audiences. Kris shares his message of hope and Christ's empowerment as he encourages others to join in the marketplace ministry movement.



#### John Stonestreet President/Colson Center for Christian Worldview

MAY 6

### **Plenary Session #3** 7:45-8:30am

#### The Story and the Moment

In the face of a dizzying cultural shift, the Gospel not only offers the hope of personal salvation but also what we need to understand, interpret, and respond to the most important challenges our families, communities, and nation will face. John will share a framework from which we can view our calling to join God in restoring what is good and true, despite the turmoil of this pivotal cultural moment.

#### Speaker Bio

John Stonestreet serves as president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview. He's a sought-after author and speaker on areas of faith and culture, theology, worldview, education, and apologetics. John is the daily voice of BreakPoint, the nationally syndicated commentary on the culture founded by the late Chuck Colson, and the host of the BreakPoint podcast. He has co-authored five books, including A Practical Guide to Culture and Restoring All Things.

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**Rick Betenbough** CEO/Betenbough Companies

#### MAY 6

# **Plenary Session #4** 12:15-12:50pm

#### Kingdom Leader

Rick Betenbough, who founded one of the most prolific home-building companies in West Texas, shares a framework for how any Kingdom business that plans to produce Kingdom fruit must first begin with a leader who is fully surrendered to God.

#### Speaker Bio

Rick Betenbough co-founded Betenbough Homes in 1992 with a vision to use fanatical cost control and "out-of-the-box" organizational systems to become the price leader for new brick homes in Lubbock, Texas.

He now serves as the CEO of Betenbough Companies, PBC, which is organized as a Texas Public Benefit Corporation and is 100% employeeowned. To date, Betenbough Homes has built more than 12,000 homes all over West Texas.

Through Kingdom at Work, Rick and the other leaders of the Betenbough Companies are actively sharing their experiences and lessons from 27 years of leading a Kingdom business in the marketplace. Rick loves to help other Kingdom-minded leaders and entrepreneurs while walking his daily journey beside his childhood sweetheart, Holly.



**Kelvin Cochran** Author & Speaker

#### MAY 6

### **Plenary Session #5** 7:00-7:35pm

#### Courage and Grace to Stand

In today's culture, many Christian entrepreneurs are faced with a choice whether to live out their faith or keep their job. Being openly Christian has worldly consequences. However, Jesus promised that the Kingdom consequences are always greater than the worldly consequences. Kelvin will share real-life application of biblical truths and about the faithfulness of God when we suffer for our faith.

#### Speaker Bio

Kelvin Cochran is the former fire chief of the City of Atlanta, terminated for writing a book for a Christian men's Bible study. He currently serves as Chief Operating Officer of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a member of the Collaborative Preaching Team (CPT) and provides leadership over the Building All Men (BAM) men's ministry, and he is an advocate for religious liberty and unity of the Body of Christ.

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Chad Spencer CEO/Dufresne Spencer Group

#### MAY 6

# **Plenary Session #6** 7:35-8:05pm

#### Purchase on Purpose

With thousands of employees across multiple locations in the U.S., this CEO of the largest group of Ashley Furniture Homestores will describe the process of developing his company's "Purchase on Purpose" program. He will share practical guidance on how we can bring purpose, people, and profit together to create exponential impact.

#### Speaker Bio

Chad Spencer is CEO of the Dufresne Spencer Group (DSG), a company he co-founded with his father in 2002, based in Memphis, TN. Beginning as one furniture store, DSG soon became an Ashley HomeStore licensee and has had steady growth ever since. Today, DSG owns 114 Ashley HomeStores serviced by 20 distribution centers with almost 4,000 employees in 11 states, making DSG the largest Ashley HomeStore licensee in the country. DSG has been named one of the top 10 fastest-growing furniture retail companies in the country for the past five years.

Chad's passion is making life moments matter and giving back to his teams, his guests, and his communities. With his full enthusiasm, DSG is involved with many charitable organizations, including Angel Armies, Hope to Dream, and OneWorld Health. Chad and his wife Kelley live in the greater Nashville area, have been happily married since 1999, and are the proud parents of Shaw, Tate, and Mack.



Sam Thevanayagam President/Parts Life, Inc.

#### MAY 7

### **Plenary Session #7** 8:00-8:45am

#### The Bright Light

Operating a successful and highly competitive Christian company in modernday society isn't easy. Not every company has the reputation or reach of a Chick-fil-A or Hobby Lobby. So, how can we thrive in an industry, add value to people in the current socioeconomic context, and ensure God's continued favor upon us when we are forced to make tough decisions?

#### Speaker Bio

Sam Thevanayagam is the president and CEO of three companies-Parts Life, Inc., DeVal Lifecycle Support, and LC Engineers-focused on aerospace and defense systems used with domestic and international military platforms.

Born and raised in Sri Lanka, Sam moved to the US in his early 20s to earn a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Oral Roberts University. He worked for many years in the automotive aftermarket industry, and in 2007, Sam started Parts Life, Inc.

Sam is a TEDx speaker and the author of *The First 10 Runs in Singles: Life* Lessons from the Game of Cricket. Recently, Sam launched the Micah Cricket Club in Karachi, Pakistan, and The SamT Foundation.

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**Joelle Marquis** Senior Partner/Arsenal Capital

Member Since > 2018

#### MAY 7

# **Plenary Session #8** 8:45-9:30am

#### Employing Culture to Fortify, Grow, and Prosper

We recognize it's our responsibility to shepherd organizational culture and breathe life into every area of our businesses. Joelle will share a formula and practical applications for establishing a Kingdom-building workplace legacy that injects "not-of-this-world" values and behaviors into our organizations.

#### Speaker Bio

Joelle Marquis is an entrepreneur, ministry co-founder, and partner in New York's Arsenal Capital Partners, a multibillion-dollar private equity firm. She has turned her entrepreneurial spirit into a spiritual purpose: to build a heartfelt legacy that goes far beyond business success and to encourage and guide fellow business leaders to do the same.

In 2016, Marguis and her husband launched Legacy in Action to serve and minister to their community through services like roof repair, construction, and dock repair. They have helped many families and built a team of missiondriven employees.



#### **Ismael and Thaís Akiyama** Founder & CEO/Akiyama Biometric Solutions

Member Since > 2018 & 2019

#### MAY 7

## Plenary Special Message 10:00-10:10am

#### The Identity Business

In this video preview to a full-interview available on the CURRENT21 On Demand platform, these Brazilian husband-and-wife biotech entrepreneurs will share their transformation story of business-as-a-ministry in the midst of an unethical marketplace with corruption as an expected and commonplace business practice.

#### Speaker Bio

Ismael and Thaís Akiyama are founder and CEO of Akiyama, a Christian family-owned company that provides biometric identification solutions. The company was founded 15 years ago as a distributor and now develops its own unique biometric technology. Ismael and Thaís see their company as an instrument to fulfill their role in the Kingdom. Thaís is a leader in Levanta, an organization that helps female entrepreneurs grow their business and apply Kingdom vision to their companies. Ismael is a recipient of the National Entrepreneur of the Year award in the Emerging category by Ernst & Young. NOTES



Mike Sharrow President & CEO/C12

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# Plenary Closing Session 10:10-11:00am

#### Kingdom Torque

Mike shares from the experience and pursuits of C12 as a business as well as from cases around the network of thousands of companies on building a Business-as-a-Ministry (BaaM) enterprise. How can one small business impact millions of people? How do you rigorously demonstrate stewardship through the entirety of the 5-Point Alignment Matrix<sup>®</sup> to yield TriValue results: Economic, Cultural, and Spiritual Value Adds? In this closing talk Mike will challenge us all to build high-impact enterprises that uniquely demonstrate the gospel and change the world through high Kingdom Torque businesses.

#### Speaker Bio

Since May 2016, Mike Sharrow has served as President and CEO of C12. Mike first joined C12 as a Member in 2010. He then served as an Area Chair in 2011-2012 and as a Managing Chair for the Central Texas market in 2013-2016, before becoming CEO.

Prior to C12, Mike spent seven years with Walgreens Health Initiatives in a variety of corporate operations and field sales roles, five years in a financial services startup in Chicago, as well as time in pastoral leadership, corporate development for a medical company, and running a boutique management consulting company focused on health-care strategy.

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As you choose the breakout sessions in which you will participate, note the icons on each session page that indicate its correspondence with the 5-Point Alignment Matrix<sup>®</sup>.

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## **Super Breakout Session** 9:00-10:00am

Business transitions fail more often than they succeed. The three most challenging owner transitions are scale, sale, and succession.

At this CURRENT21 Super Breakout session, you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the purpose and mission of the 3Ten Coalition.
- Hear success stories and lessons learned from a panel of owners who successfully sold or transitioned their business with the help of the 3Ten Coalition.
- Participate in a Q&A following the presentation and panel discussion.
- Meet and mingle with attending 3Ten Coalition advisors, investors, and buyers.

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#### GRAND CYPRESS DEF

# **Super Breakout Session** 9:00-10:00am

In 1993, 35 Christian leaders came together to build a ministry that would defend your religious freedom-before it was too late. These founders knew that it would take an alliance to keep the doors open for the gospel in the United States.

Like the Body of Christ, the alliance is one body made up of many parts. Attorneys play different roles than pastors. Business leaders play different roles than legislators. Each person must play his or her particular role, under one shared vision, to ensure that religious freedom thrives.

For more than 25 years, Alliance Defending Freedom has been advocating for religious liberty, the sanctity of human life, freedom of speech, and marriage and family.

ADF will provide a unique, interactive opportunity by presenting its Christian business clients who have personally fought religious discrimination in the courts. Highlights of this panel discussion include the following:

- Discussions of front-line legal experiences; .
- Conversations regarding lessons learned and best practices; and
- Valuable insights through the Q&A exchange.





# BREAKOUT **SPEAKERS**



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**Bill Blezard** President/Packaging Technology Group, Inc.

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#### GRAND CYPRESS ABC

# **Breakout Session #1** 10:30-11:30am

#### How to Grow an Organization That Outgrows You

To scale a company, leaders must build a team that is better than the leader themselves. In this session, Bill will identify the stages of growth as a company passes relative milestones, provide an understanding of the pitfalls and dangers of not growing as a leader, and share how to keep culture front and center through change.

#### Speaker Bio

Bill Blezard is the founder and president of Packaging Technology Group, Inc., and has been an active Member of C12 New England since 2008. Over the past 16 years he has navigated the company through all of its critical growth transitions. A bootstrap entrepreneur, Bill founded Packaging Technology Group, Inc., in 2005. Today, PTG is a world-class developer of engineered thermal transport packaging solutions to the biotech and biopharmaceutical industries. The company serves all of the top 10 biotech/biopharma companies in the world.



**Tim Kachuriak** Chief Innovation & Optimization Officer/NextAfter

Member Since > 2018

#### GRAND CYPRESS DEF

### **Breakout Session #1** 10:30-11:30am

#### The Perpetual Motion Marketing Machine

Living in our hyper connected knowledge economy means that the potential customer is more informed than ever. This can work to our competitive advantage! In this fast-moving, data-packed workshop illustrated with dozens of real-world examples, Tim will demonstrate how we can increase lead generation and shorten the sales cycle while enhancing brand position and expanding our mission field.

#### **Speaker Bio**

Tim Kachuriak is the Founder and Chief Innovation and Optimization Officer for NextAfter, a fundraising research lab consultancy and training institute that works with nonprofits and NGOs to help them grow their resource capacity. Kachuriak has been a Member of C12 since 2018 and is the author of multiple books, including Optimize Your Fundraising. Kachuriak has trained organizations in fundraising optimization around the world and is a frequent speaker at international nonprofit conferences. Kachuriak is also the co-founder and board member for the Human Coalition, a member of the board of directors for Open Doors USA, an Advisory Board Member for the SMU Digital Accelerator, and an Advisory Board Member for the Blackbaud Institute for Philanthropic Impact.



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CEO & President/Seegars Fence Company

#### GRAND CYPRESS GHI

## **Breakout Session #1** 10:30-11:30am

#### Achieving Alignment through Pay for Performance

The ability to unleash our organization's full potential hinges on our ability to establish alignment between our daily performance and how it contributes to the overall success of the company. Learn how Seegars Fence Company adopted a Pay-for-Performance bonus program that established clarity on what every team member needs to do each day to drive bottom-line results as well as implement an objective and transparent method for feedback.

#### Speaker Bio

In 2000, Ben started working full-time as the third generation in the family business, Seegars Fence Company, founded in 1949. Ben served as the company's vice president through 2016 and was greatly impacted by two significant occurrences. The more impactful was joining C12 in 2011 and realizing God's call on his life to steward and lead this company. The second was a C12 seminar held in 2012 that set in motion one of the greatest programs Seegars has implemented to date and that has enabled his team to grow and succeed at a level they had only dreamed about. Ben assumed the role of president and CEO in January of 2017.









**Robert Ming** Managing Partner/Quadrant Law Group, LLP

Member Since > 2016

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### **Breakout Session #2** 1:30-2:30pm

#### **Remote and Thriving**

Whether our remote workforce is by design or necessity, there is a framework for management we must consider to build a healthy and productive outof-office culture. Robert will unpack remote worker personas and how we can optimize their strengths to thrive in a variety of remote and hybrid work scenarios.

#### Speaker Bio

Robert Ming is the founding partner of Quadrant Law Group, a law firm specializing in technology, vendor, and procurement contract negotiation and management. Robert is a two-time former mayor of Laguna Niguel, California, where he also served on the City Council for eight years. He has served on various regional, nonprofit, and civic boards, is chairman of the Board of Stoneybrooke Christian Schools, and was founding president of the Association of California Cities. Robert joined C12 in 2016, shortly after Quadrant's formation. He has long felt called to inspire others to find God's greater purpose for their lives, so C12's mission immediately resonated with him.



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**Travis Penfield** CEO & Founder/49 Financial

Member Since ► 2018

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# Breakout Session #2 1:30-2:30pm

#### Explosive Growth: Creating an Irresistible Company Culture

Leading a company that has grown from 4 partners to 350+ people in four offices across the Southeast in the last three years, Travis will reveal the foundation of this incredible growth. He will unpack the essential elements of a company that multiplies and a culture that sustains, and he will provide an inside look into practical tools to set up a company for exponential and sustainable scalability.

#### Speaker Bio

Travis Penfield is the founder and CEO of 49 Financial and has been a Member of C12 since 2018. Travis started his career as a financial advisor at AXA Advisors, and under his leadership, his group broke all the records in hiring, retention, and development in a well-established and long-standing company. In October of 2019, Travis started an independent financial planning firm. As a privately owned and fully independent company, 49 Financial grew to more than 250 advisors in its first official year of operation. Travis lives in Austin with his wife Jaclyn and their daughters Charlotte and Olivia.





**Jeff Thomas** CEO & Founder/Archetype Wealth Partners

Member Since > 2018

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### **Breakout Session #2** 1:30-2:30pm

#### The Urgency of Maximizing Our Company Value

Since great legacies are built over time, not left behind in an instant, how are we preparing today for what tomorrow requires of us? Whether you are thinking about selling a business soon or planning for well into the future, Jeff will navigate four steps every business owner must take immediately to begin multiplying both financial and Kingdom impact.

#### Speaker Bio

Jeff Thomas is the founder and CEO of Archetype Wealth Partners, author of Trading Up: Moving from Success to Significance on Wall Street, and has been a C12 Member since 2018. He started out as a sole proprietor in the wealth management business in 1995. Jeff was inspired to go deeper into the planning process with clients. By putting clients' narratives before their numbers, Jeff was able to help them uncover their values and connect their money with their purpose. In 2008, he was named to Morgan Stanley's Chairman's Club (top 2% of Advisors). From 2009 to 2013, Barron's magazine recognized him as "One of Texas' Top Financial Advisors."

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Simon Lee CEO & Founder/Buy On Purpose

Member Since ► 2012

#### GRAND CYPRESS ABC

## **Breakout Session #3** 3:00-4:00pm

#### God's Will and Our Agenda

When you can't run everyday decisions by God for His approval, how do you know you are on the right path and following where God is leading? Simon will help us discover the pitfalls of misalignment and how we can make crucial decisions even when we don't hear from God directly in a timely manner.

#### Speaker Bio

An entrepreneur, philanthropist, speaker, author, and C12 Member since 2012, Simon Lee is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Dallas Theological Seminary, and Harvard Business School. Simon founded Buy On Purpose in 2004 with one specific goal: to donate 50% of the company's profit to support Christian organizations focused on fighting human trafficking, providing clean water, and adoption/foster care. Today, Buy On Purpose is a multimillion-dollar company with 38 warehouse distribution centers located around the United States and offers support to 21 charities worldwide. In 2019, Buy On Purpose acquired the #5 online office supply retailer Zuma Office Supply, which also donates 50% of its profit to charity.







Erik Reagan COO & Partner/Focus Lab

Member Since ► 2019

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### Breakout Session #3 3:00-4:00pm

#### How to Take a Month Off and Have Your

#### **Business Still Grow**

Could you take a month off from work and know your business will not only survive but maybe even thrive? Far too often, we find ourselves putting out one fire after another, with our focus time rapidly depleting. We attend meetings, seminars, and conferences and gain great insights and ideas yet struggle to implement them. We're stuck in a system and a rhythm. To get unstuck, Erik will help us discover ways to work less in the business and set aside time to work *on* the business by providing practical steps to reduce our role as company firefighters.

#### Speaker Bio

Erik Reagan is the COO of Focus Lab and has been a C12 Member since 2019. Erik's career has been an evolution from musician to developer to entrepreneur. He has a variety of interests, but what ties them all together is a hunger to learn how and why things work. What was once "How does this chord progression work?" turned into "How does a dependable website get built?" and eventually became "What does it take to build and sustain a great company?" His faith informs his work and leadership heavily, and his goal, first and foremost, is stewarding them in a way that honors God.



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**David Wilson** CEO/Health by Design

Member Since > 2019

#### GRAND CYPRESS GHI

# Breakout Session #3 3:00-4:00pm

#### Scaling to a Level of Performance Few Ever Reach

A wide gap can form in your business between year-over-year growth and a scalable way to execute. How can you bridge this chasm? David will unpack a powerful five-part framework for building a scalable company that develops clear and focused strategy delivered by a capable and inspired workforce.

#### Speaker Bio

David Wilson serves as the CEO of Health by Design, LLP, a primary care provider that partners with employers to build and retain exceptional workforces through the delivery of high-impact medical care that inspires patients to have a passion for life with health and hope for the glory of God. Under David's leadership, the organization established a succession plan and governance board, where none had existed, and introduced the business execution framework to establish a common language, focus action, and drive meaningful results. David encourages and supports his team to participate in opportunities for personal and professional growth, including C12, which he has been a Member of since 2019.

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