

2023 SBCAL Midwest Conference Breakout Sessions
Theme: *Consider Your Ways... Addressing The Great Reset (Haggai 1:5)*
Conference Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, Springfield, IL
Conference Host: The Illinois Baptist State Association
April 10-12, 2023

Tuesday – April 11

9:00 AM Breakout #1

1. Dr. Mark Dance, Director, Pastor Wellness, GuideStone, and Dr. Aaron Meraz, Director, Mission Dignity, GuideStone: **Four Obstacles to a Strong Finish.** You want to finish well and hear “Well done, good and faithful servant.” Learn four things that may keep you from finishing strong.
2. Dr. Jeff Clark, Rural Research Leader, Global Research Department, IMB, and Strategy Research Associate, Wheaton College: **Returning to a Missional Mindset in the Local Church.** In order to do a reset, we should not reset back to what we were doing before Covid, but to reset to a new missional mindset.
3. Dr. Jeremy Westbrook, Executive Director, SCBO: **Help Your Churches to Cultivate Leadership Pipelines.** Our future disciple-makers, church planters, and missionaries are already within our churches. Come learn how to train your network of leaders to change the scorecard and cultivate a culture of missional leaders from within.
4. Dr. Ray Gentry, President/CEO, SBCAL: **New/Potential AMSs: Habits of Healthy Associations.** Learn some things wise AMSs do to revitalize their association as well as to maintain a healthy association. We will also cover briefly how to prepare and become an AMS if you are not one.

10:45 AM Breakout #2

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