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Why Does Outpost Speak to Churches?



I love when Outpost gets to speak to churches and ministries. It's a great opportunity to connect with believers and to help them navigate difficult questions and topics. In the past three months, we've been invited to speak at two churches. One event was a full Distinctions seminar, and one was a youth leaders training.

Why do we do this, though? What does talking with churches have to do with Outpost? I believe that speaking to churches fulfills our mission statement beautifully.

Encounter God: We at Outpost want people to experience God's grace and kindness as we talk about difficult topics. God knows when to comfort and when to confront. Before every speaking engagement, I always pray that He will do what is best for each person who is listening. It is not our job to convince anybody about anything, but simply to present the truth and love that God speaks. Through this, each person can encounter God and hear what He wants to say.

Equip the Church: I find great joy in helping the Church be the Church. I love hearing stories from those who attend our seminars and events. Even if there is still uncertainty, people express having more peace and confidence as they approach biblical identity and sexuality. We long to see the Body of Christ be the place where no one shies away from pain, brokenness, and confusion. Unfortunately, the Church has a terrible record in this area, often being perceived as "bigoted" and judgmental. Our desire is to help churches and individuals navigate LGBTQ+ issues. However, navigating those issues requires love, respect, a hunger for truth, and a hunger for transformation of identity in all people. Sharing our experiences and stories provides a roadmap for doing just that.

Establish Outposts of Restorative Community: We want to see spaces where people can come in whatever condition and seek Jesus together. All of us, regardless of our background, are broken. It does not matter if you "identify" as this or that, or even if you have (as far as you know) never struggled in the areas of identity and sexuality. Everyone needs the Gospel, and everyone needs to work it into their lives by the Holy Spirit. This is a crucial aspect of the Gospel: Jesus only came to heal the sick, and He cannot help you if you believe you are fine. The reality is, you and I aren't fine unless God comes into your life. That's why Outpost was so critical to my healing journey. I needed a place where I could share just how messed up I felt, where I could be received in love and be pointed to Jesus. All of us can, and need to, find places to pursue God together, especially in the areas of greatest struggle or hurt.

This is why we speak to churches and ministries. This is why I love when churches ask us to walk alongside them. And this is why I love when individuals take initiative to reach out and get us connected to their congregation. In the end, it is an opportunity for believers to apply the Gospel, for His glory and for the ultimate good of all people.

I invite you to pray and consider how our ministry can walk alongside your church. It would be our pleasure to help you and your local body of believers to minister to those who are struggling, or to talk with youth or youth leaders about understanding God's design for true life. May you be blessed as you look to Jesus for life!

Scott

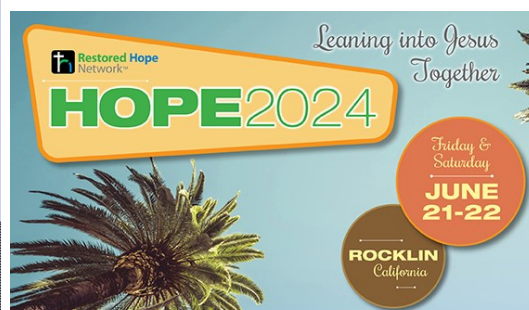
To invite us to speak, email speakers@outpostministries.org.

Prayers & Praises

- **Praise God** for the many people who responded to our year-end needs. Your generosity went above and beyond our expectations.
- **Praise God** for opportunities to share with local churches.
- **Pray** that many would respond to the opportunity to join us at our Spring Banquet in April.
- **Pray** that young men would respond to our invitation to the renewal of Joshua Fellowship.

Events Calendar

- Jan 13: Outpost held an open house at our new location!
- Jan 21: Wendy, Scott, and a former participant spoke with youth leaders at Cornerstone Church Crystal.
- Jan 27 & 30: Outpost staff met with former Joshua Fellowship leaders and participants to discuss how and when to relaunch the group.
- Jan 28: Dennis spoke at Marie Sandvik Center.



Registration is underway for the 2024 HOPE Conference. If you are interested in making the trip to California for this year's meetings, visit restoredhopenetwork.org/hopeconf to register. We are making plans for staff to attend and would love to connect with anyone else who is interested in going. Call the office for more information.

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The Banquet is Coming!

Planning is underway for the 2024 Spring Banquet and we can once again use your help to make it a success. We're planning a fantastic night of fellowship, worship, testimonies of God's work this past year, and vision-casting for the future. All we need now are the people to come share the evening with us. That's where you come in.

Would you take a moment and consider who you could invite into the community of Outpost-TCJHOP supporters? And could you also plan to pay for their meal? Single tickets will again be \$55, and a table of 8 is \$400 (a discount of \$5/person).

The banquet is being held Saturday, April 6, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Minneapolis Marriott West. We are hoping to raise \$40,000 toward continuing to bring hope and healing to those who seek our help. Registration opens online February 15. A link to the registration page will be available on the Spring Banquet event page at www.outpostministries.org.

We will also need plenty of volunteers to help us with final details, setup, and cleanup during the week and afternoon of the event. Please consider how you might be able to help there.

If you have questions about the banquet or are available to volunteer, please call the office at 763-592-4700 or email events@tcjhopp.org.

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