



A one-half day event to Awaken, Align and Advance Christian business leaders to an Abundant WorkLife and eternally transform your work, your leadership, and your business, positively impacting the Valley of the Sun!

Speaker Bios



Dr. Richard Blackaby, President of Blackaby Ministries—Richard speaks internationally on the Christian life, spiritual leadership, and revival. He mentors leaders through the Spiritual Leadership Network, and he works with Christian CEOs of major companies in the United States. Experiencing God in your work begins in quiet places alone with God; but how do you multiply this experience to those you lead? Richard is uniquely qualified to address the Spiritual dimension of our leadership and how God can transform our work, our leadership and those we lead.

Rick Johnson, Steward, RC Fasteners & Components—As stewards of a Phoenix based company, Rick and his wife Chris have learned to fall forward with God’s help, starting in their company’s origin, shortly after 9/11/2001. Their learning curve and stewardship of a company committed to God has been punctuated by challenge, adversity and regularly seeing miracles along the way. Daily commitment illuminates truth from Proverbs 16:3—*We commit our plans to God; He directs our steps.*



Dr. Brent Garrison, VP of Education, CEO Forum—Uniquely qualified to encourage and equip senior leaders in medium to large companies; he has enjoyed a distinguished career in Christian leadership and business higher education, including Moody Bible Institute, LeTourneau University and as visiting scholar in China and Manila. His writings include a significant book on Biblical leadership: *Leadership by the Book: Lessons from every Book of the Bible.*

Jerry Meek, President, Desert Star Construction—For more than 40 years, Desert Star has been known for integrity, quality and excellence. Jerry’s winsome entrepreneurial spirit has helped drive the company to recognition as one of the most respected luxury construction companies in the Southwest. His bent as an entrepreneur and leader started at the age of 14. His exemplary leadership is driven growth of the business to award-winning excellence by his commitment to put others first.



Kevin Youngblood—Decorated Veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm; former mayor, entrepreneur, founder of several businesses, business mentor, and more; Kevin is currently engaged in the launch of Grand Canyon University’s Innovation Center. He also leads weekly Bible studies for Phoenix business leaders and serves as Chairman of the Board for Journeyage.

Chris Conlee, Pastor, Author, Communicator and Change Agent—He graduated with a communications degree and dreams of professional golf, never dreaming of pastoring a church, much less a megachurch. Chris especially appreciates the challenges and potential of the marketplace, having grown up in a family business. Chris's passion for life, love and leadership fuels his messages, in print and live. You will find that his informal title minister of reconciliation is well earned.



Chad Merrill, Pres and CEO, Fellowship of Companies for Christ International; Impact 2:52, LLC Chairman—Chad is a successful entrepreneur who has started or acquired over forty businesses. His passion is helping young adults and business leaders live intentionally and expand their influence. Chad’s passion for mentoring drives much of his business and personal life and was instrumental in his selection as FCCI’s senior executive leader.