

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

“Withstanding the Challenges, Standing With Our Challengers”
FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

FRIDAY

5:30 PM | DOORS OPEN

6:30 PM | WELCOME

6:45-7:10 PM | SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST PERFORMS

7:10-7:45 PM | IS THE BIBLE STILL WORTH TRUSTING? *ABDU MURRAY*

7:45-8:00 PM | BREAK

8:00-8:35 PM | DOES THE BIBLE CONDONE SLAVERY? *BRANDON CLEAVER*

8:35-8:40 PM | GIVEAWAYS AND HYPE

8:40-9:00 PM | SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST PERFORMS

9:00-9:30 PM | Q&A *WITH ABDU MURRAY, BRANDON CLEAVER, AND
SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST*

9:30 PM | CLOSE

SATURDAY

8:30 AM | DOORS OPEN

9:10-9:30 AM | WELCOME

9:30-10:10 AM | WHY GOD CARES ABOUT SEXUALITY *DR. JULI SLATTERY*

10:10-10:15 AM | BREAK

10:15-10:45 AM | SANJ KALRA INTERVIEWS ABDU MURRAY AND JULIE
SLATTERY

10:45-10:55 AM | GAMES AND GIVEAWAYS

10:55-11:30 AM | SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF THE MISSING
MESSIAH (RESURRECTION) *MATTHEW MITTELBERG*

11:30AM-12:05 PM | IDENTITY: DOES GOD CARE? *MADELINE JACKSON*

12:05-1:00 PM | LUNCH

1:00-1:10 PM | GIVEAWAYS

1:10-1:45 PM | CAN FAITH AND SCIENCE COEXIST? *NATHAN RITTENHOUSE*

1:45-1:50 PM | TRANSITION TO Q&A BREAKOUT 1

1:50-2:30 PM | Q&A BREAKOUT 1

2:30-2:40 PM | TRANSITION TO Q&A BREAKOUT 2 AND BREAK

2:40-3:20 PM | Q&A BREAKOUT 2

3:20-3:30 PM | TRANSITION TO MAIN SANCTUARY AND GIVEAWAYS

3:30-3:50 PM | NEVER ANSWER A QUESTION: HAVING CONVERSATIONS THAT

COUNT ABDU MURRAY

3:50PM | CLOSE

Topic Descriptions:

Is the Bible Still Worth Trusting?

When he was a Muslim, Abdu criticized the Bible as an unreliable document that has been changed over the centuries. After years of investigation, he came to believe that the Bible hasn't been substantially changed and that it accurately tells us about history's most important truths. In this session, Abdu approaches the evidence for the Bible from a lawyer's perspective to show that history's most read book is still worth trusting today.

Never Answer a Question: Having Conversations that Count

It's one thing to present a good argument for the Christian faith. It's quite another thing to help someone want to believe it. Many intellectual objections are just masks for the personal and emotional barriers to faith. Abdu gives practical ways to expose those barriers so that skeptics can see the cross clearly.

Why God Cares About Sexuality

Most of our conversations about God and sex revolve around *what*. What is sexual sin? What is morally or biblically acceptable? What should I do with my unmet sexual desire? But beneath every *what* is the big question of *why*. Why does God care about our sexual choices and beliefs? In this session we will explore the foundational biblical narrative of sexuality that addresses the *why*.

Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Missing Messiah

Sherlock Holmes, the world's greatest detective mind, has solved all kinds of conundrums and crimes. But this missing persons case may be his most singularly difficult yet: What happened to the body of Jesus? When examining the evidence with an unbiased perspective, what will he discover? Find out in *The Case of the Missing Messiah*.

Can Faith and Science Coexist?

Biblical faith and scientific exploration were once seen as perfectly compatible ways of gaining knowledge. The surface-level tension between them over the last several decades is now complicated by that fact that both faith and science are so ambiguously used in our culture that determining their relationship has become confusing. This talk explores not just the history of the core ideas and assumptions at play, but also practical ways for us to accurately talk about our faith and the natural world.

Does the Bible Condone Slavery?

There is a common misconception that the Bible supports slavery. But is the slavery described in the Bible akin to contemporary forms of slavery? Brandon Cleaver examines the issue by contrasting slavery in ancient Israel to modern notions of slavery and reviewing some of the most controversial biblical texts concerning the subject.

Identity: Does God Care?

In this talk we will discuss Christianity as it relates to our ongoing search for identity. Isn't Christianity just another irrelevant, organized religion to stay away from? After considering a few of the ways a modern understanding of identity often alienates us from whom we truly are, this talk will explore what makes Christianity an unparalleled resource for a generation searching for identity, purpose, and true freedom. Lastly, we will re-commit to standing with our challengers, not because we have all the answers, but because we serve a God who anchors our identity and engages our questions without fear.