GOING ONEGOD

So, you are thinking about scheduling Mel Walker to present a "Going On For God" Seminar?

Here are some details:

☐ What the Seminar Would Look Like: This seminar is designed for church leaders (pastors, youth pastors, volunteer youth workers, teachers, children's workers, etc.) AND Christian parents who are interested in their kids going on for God. The usual format would be a Saturday morning with registration at the church beginning at 8:15 a.m. and the first session starting at 8:45 a.m. It'd be great for the host church to provide



snacks – coffee, donuts, munchies, bottles of water – as well as a simple name tag and a pen for each attendee. Mel will lead 3 sessions – giving participants an overview of his new book, *Going On For God: Encouraging the Next Generation to Grow Up and Go On For God.* The seminar is designed to conclude by 12:30 p.m.

☐ Facilities Needed & Setup: Mel will need 1 meeting room that is ideally setup classroom style with tables and chairs for adult participants and an adequate sound system. (He will work with the host church to estimate the anticipated seminar attendance.) Each attendee will need a Bible, a copy of Mel's book, the seminar notebook, and a pen. Mel uses PowerPoint with his own laptop computer with a VGA or HDMI connection to church's existing projection technology so his slides will be easy for everyone to see. The host church should do all they can to ensure that this is a quality event.

Mel Walker is uniquely positioned by God to have a leading voice in the growing national conversation about the epidemic of young adults leaving the church.



He has over 40 years of practical experience in ministering to young people and their parents. He has also been a youth pastor, pastor, professor, university administrator, ministry leader, editor, writer, and speaker. Mel, and his wife, Peggy, speak to hundreds of students, young adults, church leaders, and youth workers each year in a wide variety of events and venues. Mel has visited approximately 30 churches each year for over 30 years. They are also the parents of three adult children-all of whom are in vocational, career ministry—and they currently have 8 grandchildren. Mel's ministry background and family experiences have certainly prepared him to help both Christian parents and church leaders to be intentional about encouraging the next generation to grow up and go on for God.

For more resources or additional information see: www.GoingOnForGod.com.

Scheduling: The host church should contact Mel immediately to work out a date for the seminar because his schedule for the Fall and Spring is filling up quickly. It would be ideal for the host to be somewhat flexible in the scheduling of this event. It would also help for the host church to think about what other events are scheduled in the area for parents and church leaders that may prove to be a potential scheduling conflict for this seminar. Both parties can work together to select an ideal time to host this event.

Mel's Expenses: Mel lives in Northeastern Pennsylvania and most likely will need to travel to your location the day before the seminar. The specifics of Mel's schedule can be worked out individually with the host church. It would greatly help Mel if the host church would provide all travel expenses (mileage / flight, tolls, meals, etc.) and take care of a hotel room in the area for Mel while he is there. Mel may also be available to stay over to minister in the host church (or another church in your area) on Sunday while he is there. Be sure to talk to him about this possibility. Your church's normal honorarium policy or taking a love offering would be sufficient. This honorarium or love offering can be made directly to Mel – and this would be in addition to the costs for the seminar.

Financial Details: There is no set fee for Mel to host this seminar in your church. However, it would greatly help his ministry if the host church would cover his travel expenses and a quality hotel room while he is there. Mel will handle the registration fees for the seminar itself. Each seminar attendee would pay \$35 each to participate in this seminar. (Mel will only charge \$25 for each person that attends from the host church.) He reserves the option of canceling the seminar if at least 30 people do not preregister to attend. The registration price includes 1 copy per married couple of *Going On For God* and the seminar notebook. The host church should communicate the details of the seminar registration process with Mel in advance. However, the "bottom line" is that the only costs involved for the host church would be Mel's travel expenses and the snacks for the participants.

The "Going On For God Seminar" Basic Format:

8:15 - 8:45 AM - Registration at the church & snacks for participants

8:45 - 9:45 AM - Session 1: What Do We Want For Our Kids?

10:00 - 11:00 AM - Session 2: How Can the Church & Families Collaborate?

11:15 - 12:15 PM - Session 3: Practical Strategies for Lasting Spiritual Growth

Promotion: It is very important for the host church to assist in the promotion of this event. Mel expects each host church to make this seminar a priority for the people from their church and to make this a big push in the church. He also asks each host church to effectively promote this event to other churches in the area using the promotional materials that he will supply. The specifics of the promotional process and timeline should be worked out with Mel as early as possible. The host church should be willing to work hard on this aspect of hosting the seminar.