

THE PINNACLE FORUM STORY

OUR BACKGROUND

In the midst of times when the culture shifts away from a biblical worldview, God remains our hope and stronghold. He is always at work and shows Himself strong even in the darkest of times. His work is done through those who obey His call. They will partner with Him in both restoring and sustaining our nation's founding Judeo/Christian values in the culture - arts/entertainment, business, education, family, government/military, media and religion. It is a great privilege to work for God's glory and to extend His Kingdom from heaven to earth.

As you read about Pinnacle Forum's history, you'll learn that a specific God-calling was heard and answered. A mission to bring together courageous leaders, men and women - young and old to journey together, to be encouraged to grow in Christ, to discover and discern God's call on their lives and to be empowered to execute it as a beautiful tapestry woven to tell God's bigger story.

Leadership can be a lonely walk, and many leaders exemplify the "lonely Christian leader syndrome." Our confidential Forums are the vehicle in which the journey is nurtured and deep relationships happen. The end result is **Transformed Leaders Who Transform Culture**. It is thus essential that our Forums provide a consistent quality experience. This Handbook will show you how.

HISTORY OF OUR FORUMS

Pinnacle Forum was inspired by Dr. Bill Bright, Founder of Campus Crusade for Christ International, who challenged a handful of leaders in 1995 in Phoenix, Arizona saying, *"I believe the only way we can change our culture is to find a way to network our high influence leaders and inspire them to use their influence for God."*

Three of these leaders (Merrill Oster, Terry Hamlin and Bill Dodder) later hiked up Pinnacle Peak in Scottsdale, Arizona and prayed that God would raise up leaders who would respond to this challenge and steward their influence accordingly. Their prayers were answered, and they began convening small peer groups around the city that aimed to encourage one another spiritually, share Christ with their peers, and challenge each other to use their leadership position and resources in strategic ways for the glory of God. In 2001, Pinnacle Forum began to replicate this model throughout the United States, now providing inspiration and the networking mechanism for leaders across America to magnify Christ.

During the formative years of the organization the foundation was laid in finding strong Christian men in or near the second half of their life...men in high positions and at the pinnacle of their influence.

In 2020 Pinnacle Forum launched an initiative to adapt to changing leadership dynamics by appointing a Director of Women's Forums. Growth has been rapid and encouraging.

Pinnacle Forum has evolved in the approach to younger leaders and created a position of Director of Young Successful Leader Forums (YSL). Raising up influential leaders in their mid-twenties and thirties is crucial to Pinnacle Forum's mission and will encourage bridge-building across generations.

THE VISION & MISSION

Vision

To see influential leaders **execute** their God-given purpose and foster a flourishing, God-honoring culture.

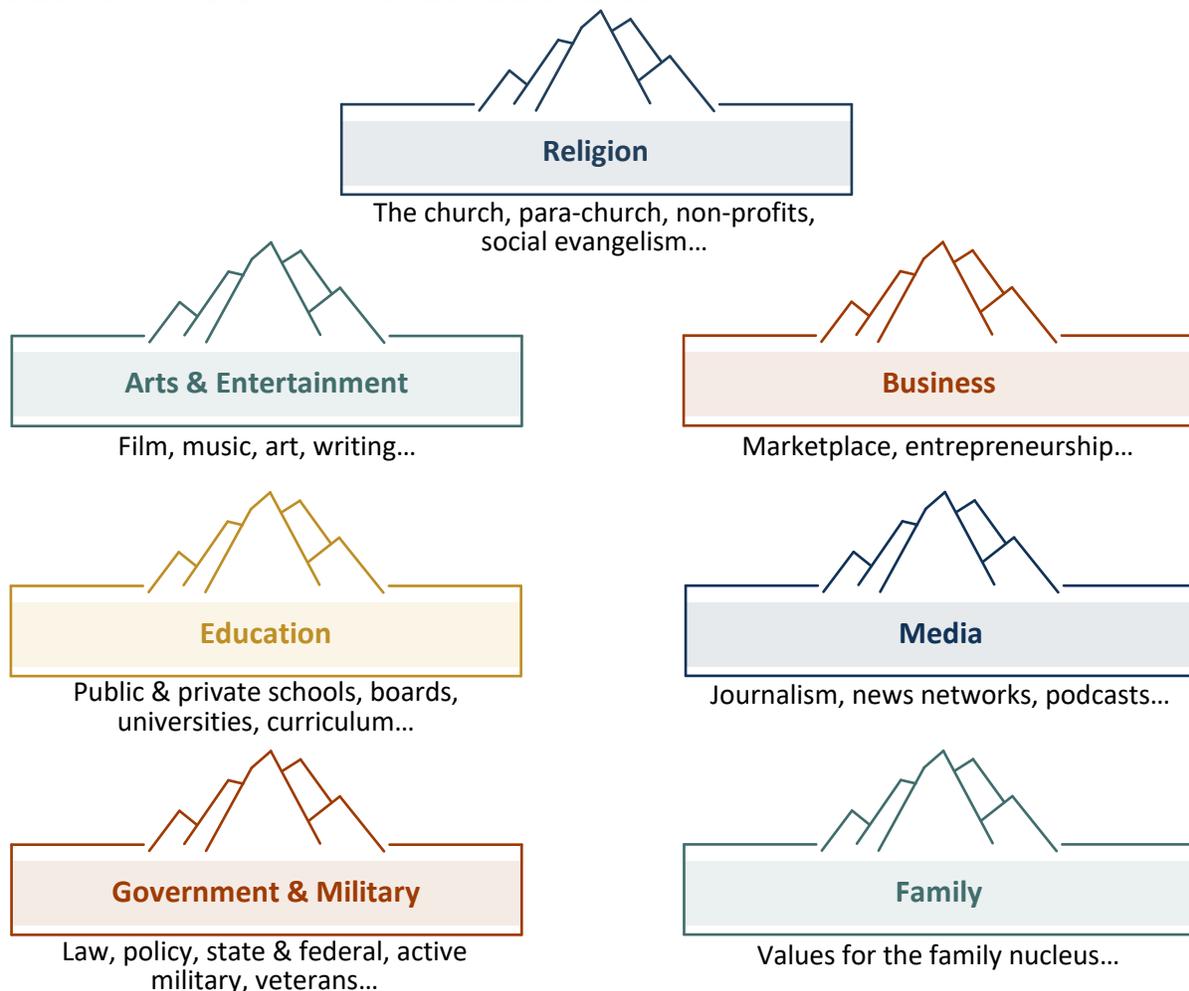
Mission

To **encourage** and **equip** influential leaders through confidential Forums, supported by a national network, to **engage** in personal and cultural transformation that honors Jesus Christ.

WHO WE SERVE

- ✓ The leader who influences one or several of the seven mountains of culture.
- ✓ The leader who wants to change the direction of our culture.
- ✓ The leader who wants to use their influence for greater Kingdom impact.
- ✓ The leader who is committed to lifelong learning and character development.
- ✓ The “lonely Christian leader” – with few, if any, close, trusted Christian confidantes.

THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS OF CULTURE



OUR FOUR "E" STRATEGY

This is the foundational thread or glue that brings everything we do together. Our Forums are grounded in the Four "E" Strategy, a strategy reflecting the biblical pattern of how God relates to the people who respond to His calling. As Forum Partners invest in each other's lives and apply Pinnacle Forum's distinctive Four "E" Strategy — they walk a rich and exciting journey toward finding and fulfilling their unique Christ-calling for cultural transformation.

ENCOURAGE

We encourage leaders to move beyond earthly success to eternal significance.

"Encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

EQUIP

We equip leaders for personal and cultural transformation in confidential peer Forums.

"We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ." Colossians 1:28

ENGAGE

We engage the culture as we discover our God-given purpose and passion for cultural transformation.

"Ask and it will be given to you; knock seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you." Matthew 7:7

EXECUTE

We execute intentional strategies for cultural transformation.

"For you are God's workmanship, created in Christ to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

TRANSFORMATION

Become a catalyst for cultural change across the Seven Mountains of Culture: Arts & Entertainment, Business, Education, Family, Government/Military, and Religion.

THE HEARTBEAT OF A FORUM

Experience High Impact Peer Relationships

You will....

- ... Gain great insights, wisdom and deepen your relationships through peer-to-peer mentoring within your group.
- ... Be among peers who are also highly influential in their career, industry, or ministry.
- ... Be held accountable among your peers for personal and cultural transformation.

Participate in a Confidential Setting

You will....

- ... Be connected by invitation only...to a group of leaders in a 100% confidential setting.
- ... Be assured that each participant is pre-qualified prior to joining.
- ... Feel confident in your group and safe to share sensitive personal information.

Measure Your Well-Being in Every Facet of Life

You will....

- ... Regularly measure your well-being and influence within the context of 4 key areas with our check-in process: personal, spiritual, family and business.
- ... Be able to prayerfully work through the challenges you face in any of these areas.
- ... Celebrate God's growth in you with the support of your group.

Unleash Your Calling into Action

You will....

- ... Be equipped to steward your God-given influence through the study of leadership materials rooted in biblical principles.
- ... Periodically evaluate your commitment to transforming the culture using our [Cultural Engagement Self-Assessment](#).
- ... Create a [Cultural Impact Plan](#) that will transform you personally and transform culture for the sake of the Kingdom.

What We are NOT

- √ A weekly Bible/book study group.
- √ A weekly gathering group to hang out with other leaders.
- √ Those who are complacent in their walk.
- √ Those who sit idly by and complain about society, we are DOERS.
- √ Pew sitters who limit their Christianity to Sunday or keep it within the four walls of the church.

MISSION, MEANS, MEDIUM

You've read about Pinnacle Forum's mission, the Seven Mountains of Culture, our Four "E" Strategy and the Heartbeat of a Forum. This will help depict for you how it all comes together.

