



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2026

GLS26 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Craig Groeschel | *The Invisible Language of Leadership*

Some of the most frustrating moments aren't new problems – they're familiar ones that refuse to go away. Join Craig Groeschel as he unpacks how the repeated behaviours leaders tolerate, reward and reinforce quietly shape culture and determine results. Discover why what you repeat becomes what you produce and how to recognise what's really driving your outcomes, disrupt what isn't working, intentionally design better rhythms and reinforce what moves your mission forward.



Vanessa Van Edwards | *The Surprising Micro-Habits of High-Impact Leaders*

Unpack the micro-habits, rituals and mindsets that set standout leaders apart and learn how small shifts in behaviour can create outsized results. Join Vanessa Van Edwards as she shares insights from two decades of research on high-performing leaders, revealing the patterns that consistently drive results. Walk away with five practical ways to strengthen your influence and leverage your expert power.



Priscilla Shirer | *The Leader's Assignment*

Great leadership demands passion and purpose – yet pace and persistent demands can quietly erode both. The outcome is a loss of clarity, conviction and the sense that what you do truly matters. Join Priscilla Shirer as she invites us to rediscover the sacred nature of work, challenging us to consider a deeper question: What if the work you do every day is more than responsibility – what if it's your assignment? Walk away with renewed clarity that your role is not accidental and that how you lead within it shapes what matters for eternity.



Arthur C. Brooks | *Finding Purpose in an Age of Emptiness*

Leaders face a deeply personal challenge: helping others find meaning in their work while asking the same questions about their own lives. Join Arthur C. Brooks as he names the forces making meaning harder to find – and offers a way forward. Learn to rewire your mind for deeper reflection and find greater purpose even in life's hardest places – while helping the people you lead do the same.



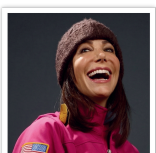
Kwame Christian | *Why Being Right Isn't Enough*

Every leader has moments when the conversation doesn't go how they hoped. And still - the room goes quiet, resistance rises or alignment slips away. When influence breaks down, the issue is often relational, not informational. You'll discover how everyday interactions become micro-negotiations that either build trust or create distance. Using Christian's Compassionate Curiosity™ framework, you'll walk away with practical tools to overcome emotional and psychological barriers, reduce defensiveness and move people toward agreement.



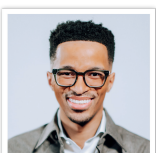
Andy Stanley | *What Great Leaders Do*

While it's true that leaders are learners, they are doers as well. That's what distinguishes a leader from the rest of the pack. Doing is what makes the difference. Which leads us to ask, what do great leaders do? Join Andy Stanley as he explores the answer to this important question. As both an accomplished leader and student of leadership you'll find his answer to be insightful, helpful and ultimately practical. Because after all, leaders are doers!



Alison Levine | *Confronting Uncontrollable Environments*

Whether navigating a crisis, a setback or an unexpected change, leaders are required to move forward in difficult situations before they know how things will unfold. Explore practical strategies for how resilience is built one decision at a time, why clarity of intent matters more than certainty of outcome and why the right path forward isn't always the fastest – it's the one that keeps you moving in the right direction.



Ryan Leak | *Building a Culture They Never Want to Leave*

People rarely leave a job suddenly – they leave mentally and emotionally long before they turn in their resignation. Learn how to engage your team early, recognise warning signs before turnover happens and create conditions where staying feels like progress – not compromise. Walk away with practical language, simple frameworks and actionable steps to build a culture where people do their best work and reach their full potential.



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