FAQ's Regarding Speaking Events with Brad Hambrick



Thank you for your interest in having me speak to your church or organization! My hope is that this document aids the early stages of scheduling and planning.

When are you available?

As I schedule speaking events, I prioritize my family and my responsibilities at The Summit Church (TSC). That may mean there may be a delay in confirming a potential date if TSC has not set our ministry calendar for the time period you desire. You can see my current confirmed events at **bradhambrick.com/events**.

What kind of audiences do you speak to?

Generally, I speak to one of three audiences.

1. **Churches** – This could be (a) *preaching* or (b) a *conference / seminar style event*. Conferences or seminars might be a Friday evening and Saturday morning or a full day on Saturday. Sometimes a church asks me to preach on Sunday to complete the weekend on the theme of the event.

2. **Pastors / Elders** – Training sessions with church leadership teams focus on equipping pastors to counsel in the form of *shepherding care*, or contextualizing shepherding care between one-another care (i.e., friendship) and formal counseling options.

3. **Counselors** – With counseling teams, the focus is predominantly on understanding the ethical implications of biblical counseling in formal settings, how parachurch counseling centers can work effectively with local churches, or one of the topics below.

What topics do you speak about?

The most natural topics would be something I have written about or spoken on at another conference.

Events with a conference template:[*]

- Gospel-Centered Marriage Weekender
- Transformative Friendship Conference
- Overcoming Addiction Conference
- A Weekend of Forgiveness Conference
- Learning the Lost Art of Lament

Other topics to consider:

- *Growing After Trauma: 9 Steps toward Resilience* (New Growth, 2026)
- *Prevailing through Depression-Anxiety: 9 Steps toward Hope and Peace* (New Growth, 2026)

[*] Templates for these events can be found at **www.bradhambrick.com/events**.

- *False Love: 9 Steps toward Sexual Integrity* (New Growth, 2025)
- *True Betrayal: 9 Steps for Processing Your Spouse's Infidelity* (New Growth, 2025)
- *Navigating Destructive Relationships: 9 Steps toward Healing* (New Growth, 2024)
- *Mobilizing Church-Based Counseling: Models for Sustainable Church-Based Counseling* (New Growth, 2023)
- *Facilitating Counseling Groups: A Leader's Guide to Church-Based Counseling Ministry* (New Growth, 2023)
- *Becoming a Church that Cares Well for the Abused* (B&H, 2019, www.churchcares.com)
- *Self-Centered Spouse: Help for Chronically Broken Marriages* (P&R, 2014)
- *Burnout: Resting in God's Fairness* (P&R, 2013)
- *God's Attributes: Rest for Life's Struggles* (P&R, 2012)

A full list of **publications and conference topics** can be found at bradhambrick.com/publications.

I will consider presentations that are "fresh prep" material, but the additional time required for this type of presentation may make it more difficult to accept an invitation, but it is something I am willing to consider.

What do you charge to come speak?

I'm weird. (Feel free to apply that sentence out of context.) I don't have a set fee. My request is simply: *that each church or organization be faithful in compensating me as they would anyone else for a comparable event*. I recognize that churches and organizations come in different sizes and with different budgets. I want to honor those differences. I know many people would prefer I just give a number, but this is how I've done things for 20+ years of ministry and I'm a stubborn country boy who doesn't like to change (ironic for a counselor, huh?).

In addition to the honorarium you decide, here are two things I ask:

- *Cover travel expenses*. If you're in driving range, that is mileage cost and meals on the road. If more extended travel is required, that's flight cost, hotel, meals, rental car or Ubers, and airport parking.
    - When a flight is required, I prefer to schedule my own flight and be reimbursed.
    - For a hotel stay, I prefer the host secure the hotel. You know your area better than I do.
    - A webinar or virtual meeting can help alleviate travel expenses if that can serve your needs.
- *Provide a clear event itinerary*. One or two weeks before the event, in a one-page document, let me know:
    - The address for the hotel, host site, and any other location I need to be.
    - The schedule for the event with any special instructions.
    - Name and contact information for who I need to call if something comes up as I travel.
- Other than that, I'll try to be as low maintenance as possible.

How do we start the scheduling process?

If I haven't scared you off yet, here are our next steps.

- Send an email to counseling@summitchurch.com with the following information:
    - **Date:** The date(s) or time frame that you have in mind.
    - **Topic:** The topic(s) that you have in mind.
    - **Audience:** A brief description (2-4 sentences) description of your church or organization.
    - **Outcome:** A brief description (2-4 sentences) description of what "success" looks like.
- Once I have that, if the event seems viable, we'll schedule a Zoom meeting to begin the process of nailing down the other relevant details.