

Session 1: What do you want your students to learn?

Connect with a colleague

1. In your classes, what's 1 thing that's going well?
2. What's 1 character trait you want your students to have?
3. What do you want your students to learn?

Focus on this session's objective

Find ways to help your students connect God's world and Word.

Read

As a result of Christian education, we want students to be people who love God and live for Him. To explore what students need to learn in order to be that type of people, read "Help your students learn 3 things."

Discuss the reading

1. What's 1 thing that interested you? Tell me about that.
2. What satisfying/unsatisfying about helping your students learn about God's world and how people are using it? Learn about God's Word? Learn about the connections between God's world and Word?

Find ways you can help your students make connections

To find ways you can to help your students God's world and Word, take the following self-assessment. Rate each item, using the following scale:

4: *Strongly agree* • 3: *Agree* • 2: *Disagree* • 1: *Strongly disagree*

- ___ 1. I can readily explain the importance of helping students connect God's world and Word.
- ___ 2. I can readily explain what connecting God's world and Word looks like.
- ___ 3. I have documented the Biblical principles I want my students to connect to the part of God's world they study in my class(es).
- ___ 4. I provide value-added content by teaching students new Biblical principles and/or helping them make new connections between what they are studying and Biblical principles they already know.
- ___ 5. I help my students connect God's world and Word by targeting this, by using assessment, by using questions, and by meeting student learning needs.

Reflect on your self-assessment data with a colleague

1. How many 4s, 3s, 2s, and 1s do you have?
2. What excites/concerns you about your data?
3. To help your students make better connections, what's 1 self-assessment item you want to make progress on? What are your reasons for selecting that item?
4. What 3 or more things could you do to make progress on that item?

Commit to taking action

1. What 2 or more action steps are you going to take before our next session to help your students connect God's world and Word?
2. What are your highlights/insights for this session?
3. How can I pray for you? (Pray together.)