

Session 1: How can you meet your students' learning needs in order to help them connect God's world and Word?

Connect with a colleague

1. What's something that happened recently in class that made you smile?
2. What are your students studying about God's world and how people are using it?
3. What's satisfying/unsatisfying about helping your students connect God's world and Word?

Focus on this session's objective

Find ways to better meet your students' learning needs in order to help them connect God's world and Word.

Read

To explore an effective process you can use, read "Use the IDEAL process to meet your students' learning needs."

Discuss the reading

1. What's 1 thing that interested you? Tell me about that.
2. What do you like/dislike about meeting your students' learning needs in order to help students connect God's world and Word?

Define your students' learning needs

To define your students' learning needs, complete the following assessment. Rate each item, using the following scale: 4: *Strongly agree* • 3: *Agree* • 2: *Disagree* • 1: *Strongly disagree*

To better connect the part of God's world my students study and God's Word:

- ___ 1. My students need to understand the importance of Biblical perspective.
- ___ 2. My students need to understand that God's Word can be connected to the part of God's world they are studying.
- ___ 3. My students need to learn about specific Biblical principal that connect to the part of God's world they are studying.
- ___ 4. My students need to experience engaging instruction.
- ___ 5. My students need time in class to reflect.

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 in order to better meet your students' learning needs 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.)