

Session 1: How effectively are you using assessment to help your students connect God's world and Word?

Connect with a colleague

1. What's 1 good thing that happened recently in your classes?
2. What do you teach your students about God's world and how people are using it?
3. What excites/frustrates you about helping your students connect God's world and Word?

Focus on this session's objective

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

Read

Knowing what exemplary use of assessment looks like can help you find ways to better use assessment. To explore what exemplary use of assessment looks like, read "Use 7 questions to reflect on assessment."

Discuss the reading

1. What's 1 thing that interested you? Tell me about that.
2. What do you like/dislike you about using assessment to help students connect God's world and Word?

Find ways you can use assessment

To find ways you can more effectively use assessment to help your students make connections, complete the following self-assessment. Rate each item, using the following scale:

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

- ___ 1. I can explain how assessment can help my students connect God's world and Word.
- ___ 2. I can explain what types of assessment (for example, tests and projects) help my students connect God's world and Word.
- ___ 3. My Biblical perspective assessments are exemplary.
- ___ 4. I prepare my students for my Biblical perspective assessment(s).
- ___ 5. I use my assessment data to help my students better connect God's world and Word.

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 use assessment 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.)