

Session 1: Why use questions to help students connect God's world and Word?

Connect with a colleague

1. What's something encouraging that happened in your classes recently?
2. In 1 of your classes, what are your students learning about God's world and how people are using it?
3. What do you like/dislike about helping your students connect God's world and Word?

Focus on this session's objective

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

Read

Knowing why you should use questions can help you find ways to better use questions. To learn more, read "Use questions to help your students connect God's world and Word."

Discuss the reading

1. What's 1 thing that interested you? Tell me about that.
2. What satisfying/unsatisfying about using questions to help students connect God's world and Word?

Find ways you can use questions

To find ways you can more effectively use questions 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 readily explain how using questions can help my students connect God's world and Word.
- ___ 2. I have documented the questions I want to ask my students to help them connect God's world and Word.
- ___ 3. I can readily explain what I want my students to learn when I ask a given question.
- ___ 4. My students respond sincerely to the questions I ask to help them connect God's world and Word.
- ___ 5. My students use questions in order to 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 questions 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.)