

"I never knew that a professor could care so much about all of her students, especially since we didn't meet in person these past 8 weeks...."

I could tell that you are a real Christian. Thanks."

-- emailed to a professor in one of our Bible studies



Connecting-----in Disconnected Times

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We have four Bible studies each week for Christian professors and administrators via Zoom. We've been studying the book of *Ephesians* for three months, in groups measuring from four to 12 participants in each group.

The focus: "How does God want me to represent Him at my university?"

The epistle ends with Paul praying for his bold witness. We have discussed how God has His people as the salt and light that students, faculty and administrators need, especially in unsettling times.

"We Can't Make It Alone"



Angus McColl (*left*) understands the importance of relationships during times of isolation. After graduating from the US Naval Academy, he spent 20 years on nuclear submarines like the *USS Ohio*. "Submarine crews only survive when there is teamwork because of the extreme isolation and the demands of the job," he explains. "We can't make it alone."

"I adopted a servant leadership like Jesus; I would ask my crews 'How can I help you succeed?' I would learn about each of them, and their families. It brought peace amidst the stress and isolation of life on a submarine."



USS OHIO

Angus leads fund development for the College of Engineering at North Texas, and is one of the leaders of the Christian Faculty-Administrators group. "I apply those same skills from the military now at the university: active listening; showing people that I care. Outside the university, others are amazed that there are many committed Christians here; I meet many who are making a difference together."

Not Alone At Leyte



Bob – when he almost lost his sole at church.

This October marks the 76th anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf, considered the largest naval battle in history. Allied forces were vastly outgunned but prevailed because of the heroic actions of a handful of destroyer escorts (DE) – smaller boats not meant to face Japanese battleships on their own.

Naval historians consider it one of the finest examples of working together in the face of death. Some sailors lived to tell about it; one was Bob Rogers. After the war he returned to Ohio for college, married, moved to Indiana and raised a family. He passed away this summer at 97. He is Sarah's father. He spent his last few months in the home of Marti - Sarah's sister. His last earthly weekend included time with all three of his daughters, his son-in-laws and grandchildren (including some on Facetime) with prayers, singing and Scripture readings.

On Campus This Fall?



As we have worked with professors and administrators this summer, one underlying question remains: What *will* happen this fall?

As one administrator put it "Trying to predict how the fall will look is like trying to nail Jello to a wall." Plans still change weekly now.

Please pray that Christian faculty and administrators continue to show love and grace so others can see the life that Jesus freely offers amidst all this. Thanks!