



WHAT THEY TELL US

We wish you could listen in on conversations we have with Christian professors who are joyful followers of Jesus. Here's what I've heard recently:

"Jillian told me that she has never really read the New Testament. She is reading it and now we are talking about what she's learned."

-- Lacie, an English professor

Lacie has been talking with Jillian, an agnostic professor, about the need to understand the role of Christianity in Western civilization. Through their conversations, Jillian realized that to be intellectually honest she needed to read the New Testament. This has led to ongoing conversations with Lacie about what it means to follow Jesus.



"I have been in many church Bible studies over the years, but this is the first time I have been in a small group where people understand my world."

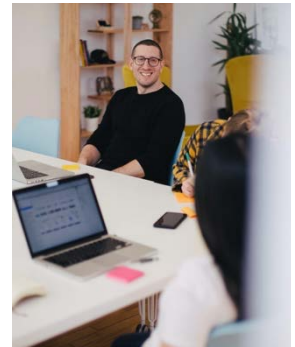
– Matthew, an engineering professor

Matthew participates in a Faculty Commons small group that uses lessons written especially for Christians at public universities. Topics: loving difficult colleagues; knowing appropriate ways to make their faith known; seeing both career successes and failures through God's eyes.

"I led a student to Christ last semester. I believe God has placed me at my university to help others know Him."

-- Todd, a political science professor

This is Todd's first year as a professor. When I met him for coffee last week he talked about being called to be a witness on campus. One of his grad students had a lot of questions about Jesus, which Todd answered over time and eventually the student became a Christian. Todd has the potential to influence thousands of students in his nearly 30 years ahead as a professor.



"I don't want to retire *from* something – I want to retire *to* something – to continue to allow God to use me in the lives of others."

----- Seok, a business professor

In December I hosted a video call where three retired professors shared with 6 other about-to-retire faculty how they are using this new phase of life to mentor young Christian professors, helping them to be salt and light. Afterward, Seok told me that as he approaches retirement he and his wife want to make sure that they use the years ahead to honor the Lord in all that they do.

Whether it is with a young faculty member or a not-so-young one, you make it possible for us to help them reach students and colleagues with the good news of Jesus. Thanks for all you do!

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