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How long have you taught at Anderson University and what led you to this school/position?

I've taught at Anderson University since the fall of 2012. I came to Anderson to multiply ministers for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

What experiences, both personal and professional, prepared you for your role at Anderson University?

I started in ministry in 1991 and pastored numerous churches and served as a chaplain in the Kentucky Army National Guard and in various law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

What has been your most rewarding professional experience?

My most rewarding professional experience was founding and working as founding director of the Great Commission Center at Anderson University. The GCC focuses upon church planting in North America and internationally. Another role the center plays is helping students identify a kingdom vision for their future employment. Finally, we work to support churches that need revitalization to become healthier. Our GCC task force oversees the university missions to ensure we are consistent.

My passion is looking at how we can make **kingdom impact** with the short amount of time each of us has on this planet. I want students to understand their mission is to make disciples and their employments just fund that mission. Employment is not the end goal—it is a platform for **kingdom deployment**.

Why did you make the change from pastoring a church to education?

The idea of kingdom multiplication involved in training pastors appealed to me. It's important for our faculty to have one foot in classroom and one in ministry. Our service in church helps us to be pastoring, because that is what we are called to do. It also helps us to keep a **fresh understanding** of current trends in ministry. I serve as an elder at a local church plant. We all have a limited of time to invest; what is going to give the most kingdom result?

Are you currently working on any research? What previous research projects have you participated in?

I am reworking my dissertation on George Whitefield's theology and methodology of evangelism for publication. I just finished co-authoring a chapter on Whitefield that will appear in a volume on preaching. I've also written eight articles for an encyclopedia on American Christianity that should publish in the near future.

How would you describe your teaching philosophy and style?

I view my role as a shepherd and discipler in the classroom. I want to **disciple students** to become better ministers of the gospel who maintain and promote a kingdom vision in their ministries and understand their role in the kingdom of Christ. In the classroom I utilize question and answer interchange, case studies, and small group exercises.

Can you tell me more about the website you created for youth pastors?

I developed a website that brings together youth ministry specialists—pastors, national leaders and parachurch employees. We have several notable contributors covering youth evangelism, youth and culture, and encouragement for youth pastors doing the work. Learn more at youthministryroundtable.com.

In your opinion, what are the benefits of a Christian education?

Christian education is beneficial in helping students understand how a Christian worldview impacts their academic discipline and future employment. Christian education can help students understand how they can be used by God to advance the kingdom of Christ within their field of study.

How did your education prepare you for your career?

I studied under professors who were practitioners and not simply theoreticians.

What do you enjoy most about your work?

I enjoy multiplying kingdom ministry through my students and seeing them go out on mission after they graduate.

What has been your most rewarding professional experience?

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