



Mentoring Relationship

As part of the FEC Certificate of Theology plan, each participant is matched with an individual mentor throughout the program. This mentor is a seasoned veteran of ministry, often a pastor or retired minister in the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches, who has gleaned years of wisdom in applying the truth of God's Word to the practical challenges of life in the real world of ministry.

Why we do it

Academics, and in particular the study of theology, carries an inherent risk. While essential to the accurate handling of God's Word and truth, it can create a separation between scholarship and knowledge for their own sake, and the application of that knowledge to the issues of real people in real life. The mentorship is designed with the singular purpose of helping the student make application of the truth he or she is learning to the world they are called to impact, as well as to their own personal lives.

How it works

As soon as a student is accepted into the FEC Certificate of Theology program, they will be matched with a volunteer mentor for the duration of their course work. The mentor will initiate contact, and together the mentor and mentee will establish an at-least bi-weekly interaction during the course of the semester. In each bi-weekly check-in the mentor will guide interaction through questions and talking points that include:

- Personal updates
- Content of the course
- Personal impact of materials learned
- Application of materials learned to current ministry
- Encouragement
- Prayer

At the conclusion of each semester the mentor will complete a report indicating satisfactory involvement in the mentorship by the student, as part of ongoing qualification for participation in the certificate program.

Requirements

1. The student is responsible to ensure that bi-weekly contact with the mentor is scheduled and completed.
2. A minimum of one interaction between mentor and mentee every two weeks of the semester is required.
3. The means of contact may be via email, text, or other written communication once per month, but must be either voice-to-voice (live telephone) or face-to-face (in-person or video chat such as FaceTime, Hangouts, Skype, etc.) at least once per month.
3. If repeated trouble reaching or receiving timely response from a mentor occurs, the student should contact the FEC Pastoral Development office.
4. The mentor will complete a report logging the contacts and summarizing the interactions at the conclusion of each semester. Satisfactory involvement in the mentoring component is required for continued participation in the FEC Certificate of Theology program.