### As a Christian school teacher, 2 of your key goals are:

- 1. For your students to understand a biblical perspective of course content.
- 2. For your students to proficiently apply a biblical perspective to course content.

What can you do to achieve these 2 goals? Ask and answer questions. Ask and answer questions about understanding biblical perspective of course content and applying a biblical perspective to course content.

Here's a list of 75 questions: Read over the list. Identify 3 or more questions you want to ask yourself and get answers to. Then get answers to your 3 questions. Use your answers to help your students increase their understanding and application of a biblical perspective. Repeat this process as necessary. (And consider repeating this process until you have asked and answered all 75 questions.)

## 1. What happens at a Christ-centered school?

- 2. What's my mission?
- 3. How can I close the gap between the words of my mission and the reality of my classroom?
- 4. How can I equip students to impact the world for Christ?
- 5. What's success? (A) To have students learn course content or (B) to have students who apply a biblical perspective to the course content they have learned?
- 6. What does success look like?

## 7. How can I help my students increase their understanding and use of a biblical perspective today?

- 8. How well do my students understand and use a biblical perspective of the subject(s) I teach? The content of my class(es)? Issues related to course content? Values related to course content?
- 9. What do my students need to learn? What Bible verses, biblical principles, and biblical values?
- 10. How committed am I to helping my students increase their understanding of a biblical perspective? To helping my students apply a biblical perspective to course content?
- 11. How can I demonstrate my commitment?
- 12. What value-added content can I provide?
- 13. How can I use class time? (How many minutes did I use to help students last week? How many minutes do students need? What will I do?)
- 14. To help my students, what do I need to keep doing, stop doing, and start doing?
- 15. How can I get the support encouragement, and accountability I need to help my students?

#### 16. How can I use questions today?

- 17. Why use questions (to help students understand and use a biblical perspective)?
- 18. Why does God ask questions?
- 19. How valuable are questions?
- 20. What does using questions look like?
- 21. What questions should my students respond to?
- 22. What questions should my students ask?
- 23. What makes a good question good?
- 24. What question do I want to ask my students?
- 25. What do I want my students to learn by responding to questions?
- 26. How can I help my students sincerely respond to questions?

## 27. What might happen if my students sincerely responded to questions like...?

- 28. How does learning \_\_\_ help me appreciate God and His creation?
- 29. Who am I?
- 30. How does learning \_\_\_\_ help me develop as a person?
- 31. What's wrong with the world?
- 32. What's the solution?
- 33. How does the Bible help me?
- 34. How can I use my learning to serve?
- 35. How can I be a wise steward?
- 36. What does it mean to lead a meaningful life?

## 37. How can I use assessment today?

- 38. How can assessment help my students increase their understanding and use of a biblical perspective?
- 39. What type of assessment can I use?
- 40. What makes a good assessment good?
- 41. How can I make my assessment even better?
- 42. How proficiently do I want my students to use a biblical perspective?
- 43. How much practice do my students need?
- 44. What makes a good rubric good?
- 45. How can I use rubrics?
- 46. How can I develop an effective rubric?
- 47. How can I use data to help students learn?
- 48. How committed am I to the following? Every student in every subject in every unit proficiently demonstrating an understanding and/or application of a biblical perspective to complete a classroom assessment.

#### 49. How can I meet student needs today?

- 50. How can I help my students see the importance of understanding and using a biblical perspective?
- 51. How can I help my students understand that there's biblical perspective of course content?
- 52. How can I help my students understand what effective application of a biblical perspective looks like on a classroom assessment?
- 53. How can I help my students understand how I teach from a biblical perspective?
- 54. What vocabulary words do my students need to learn?
- 55. What engaging instructional strategies will help my students?
- 56. How can I give my students opportunities to think through answers for themselves?
- 57. How much time during class do my students need for reflection?
- 58. How can I design assessments so that my students connect a biblical perspective with their lives?
- 59. How can I give my students more practice in using a biblical perspective?

# 60. To help my students increase their understanding and use of a biblical perspective, what 3 things will I do?

- 61. What 3 biblical values will I model?
- 62. What 3 questions will I train them to ask?
- 63. What 3 questions will I ask them?
- 64. What 3 Bible verses will I help them memorize, understand, and apply?
- 65. What 3 biblical principles will I help them understand and apply?
- 66. What 3 skills will I help them improve?
- 67. What 3 types of assessment will I use?
- 68. What 3 engaging instructional strategies will I use?

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- 69. What 3 student learning needs will I meet?
- 70. What 3 ways will I decorate my room?
- 71. What 3 things will I put on my course handouts?
- 72. What 3 classroom guidelines will I use?
- 73. What 3 ways will I invite parents to be involved?
- 74. What 3 things do I want from my principal or colleagues?
- 75. What 3 things will I do to stay focused?

## Thanks for reading the list of 75 questions. Now it's time for action. To take action, answer 3 questions:

- 1. Which 3 questions are you going to ask yourself?
- 2. By when are you going to have answers to your 3 questions?
- 3. By when are you going to use your answers to help your students increase their understanding and application of a biblical perspective?

**Take action.** Take action to help your students understand and use a biblical perspective of course content. Ask and answer questions. Today.