



CHALLENGE EDUCATE
APPLYING FAITH

Christian Faith and the Classroom

Challenge Educate offers seminars for the professional development of teachers, focusing on biblical literacy and faith integration.

Challenge Educate aims to explore new ways for Christian schools to respond to the following questions:

- **How can we understand and teach the Bible as a complete literary work?**
- **Which passages/themes/sections of Scripture are the most important for teachers to highlight when teaching it as a whole?**
- **How can we understand our obligations as a community of Christ followers for the benefit of our workplace?**
- **What are the essentials of the Christian faith?**
- **How can Christian teachers affirm the Christian faith in both winsome and creative ways?**
- **How can Christian teachers responsibly explore the implicit connections between the Christian faith and the academic disciplines?**

Seminars

Dr. Christopher Green is available to support teachers, or the leadership team at your Christian organisation, with professional development seminars on the following topics:

The Biblical Narrative: How does the Bible fit together as a whole? How does the Old Testament look forward to the New? In this two-part seminar, Dr. Green does not water down these complex issues, but he also charts a way forward, especially for Christian teachers who want to find a consistent approach along with some practical tools (Two 1.5 hour sessions).

Reconciliation Concepts for Christian Organisations/Schools: In this seminar, Dr. Green looks at Jesus' teaching regarding the reconciliation of parties with differences. How do we handle the deeper matters of injustice, difference of opinion and/or prejudice

within Christian schools? How can Christians learn to handle "school politics" with integrity? This seminar aims to boldly focus on Jesus' commands for all Christians and then consider how applying his teaching might change the culture of the workplace (Two 1.5 hour sessions).

Introduction to Faith Integration: How can the diverse subjects taught in a Christian school be integrated with the Christian faith in the context of the whole of a school's curriculum? How can this be done in a way that respects a diversely Christian staff and also adheres to the bedrock tenets of the Christian faith? In this two part seminar, Dr. Green focuses on how to apply the latest research on both the theory and practice of 'faith integration' in schools (Two 1.5 hour sessions).

Basic Theology: What are the basics that Christian schools or Christian organisations should keep in mind? How does one make concise sense out of the distinctives of the Christian faith (e.g., the Trinity, the Incarnation, etc.)? The aim of this session is to explicate, in the clearest, most faithful and also most digestible terms, the basic doctrines of the Christian faith (One or Two 1.5 hour sessions).

If you would like to:

- Schedule Dr. Green for an on-site school visit for any combination of the above listed seminars, with up to two smaller, follow up visits for supporting teachers with implementation
- Organise a meeting for Dr. Green to support homeschoolers, your leadership team or your church
- Inquire about any aspect of Dr. Green's approach
- Find out about Dr. Green's current rates, scheduling or availability



Please contact Challenge Educate at:
challenge.educate@fastmail.com

Dr. Christopher Green

Dr. Christopher Green aims to support teachers in applying the Christian faith to the classroom. He has broad experience, having taught English literature, biblical studies and Christian theology at secondary, undergraduate and graduate levels.

Chris currently serves as the Director of Christian Foundations at Plenty Valley Christian College. He also lectures online for Azusa Pacific University and directs a conference ministry called Theology Connect.



“ During an annual Christian Schools Australia Conference, some staff from Northside Christian College made the very wise decision to attend a workshop run by Christopher Green.

We were instantly inspired and so eager to share his insights with our colleagues and students. The Primary Team immediately got to work creating a Bible program founded on Chris’ ‘biblical narrative’ approach. We have just completed our fourth year of planning with this system and have not looked back! The students are gaining biblical knowledge, being exposed to the hidden gems of the Bible and being shown how God’s Word has been divinely woven together to tell us the story of his love for the whole creation.

Olivia Tucci
Prep Teacher
Northside Christian College
Bundoora, VIC

“ Dr Green has worked with Plenty Valley Christian College for the past 2 years, facilitating a range of sessions aimed at increasing the Biblical literacy of staff and working with them to improve faith integration across all subject areas in an authentic way. Like most Christian schools, our college is made up of a range of staff who are at different stages in their faith journey and from a range of faith backgrounds.

The sessions with Dr Green have certainly worked to challenge staff, to build their biblical literacy and further develop their understanding of Christian worldview. One of the most valuable sessions explored the concept of which strategies and approaches constitute true faith integration and those that don’t. Dr Green was able to break this down with a range of practical suggestions across a number of curriculum areas and enabled staff to immediately identify areas where we were doing well and others that need improvement.

Sonia Goodacre
Director of Curriculum (Secondary)
Plenty Valley Christian College

Sample Schedule

Half Day Option (3 hours + breaks)	1.5 Hour Session: The Biblical Narrative	(+ One, 1-2 Hour Follow Up Session) Half Day Rate
	Coffee/Tea (Half Hour)	
	1.5 Hour Session: The Biblical Narrative	
	Lunch	
Full Day Option (6 hours + breaks)	1.5 Hour Session: Intro. to Faith Integration	(+ Up to Two, 2 Hour Follow Up Sessions) Full Day Rate
	Coffee/Tea (Half Hour)	
	1.5 Hour Session: Intro. to Faith Integration	
	Questions & Answers	



Please visit theologyconnect.org for more information