

NBC Devotional
December 1, 2021
“Are We Asking the Correct Questions?”

Dr. David Church has worked at NBC for 13 years, and today we celebrated his last day at the office before his retirement starts at the end of December. Dr. Church shared with the faculty and staff his thoughts on purpose, vision and mission and John 9:1-4. This is the story of a man blind from birth. The disciples ask Jesus the question, “...*who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?*” The disciples asked the wrong question. Jesus answered, “*Neither this man nor his parents sinned.*”

Dr. Church related this to NBC. We know our mission but what is our vision? We are asking the wrong question. We need to ask: What is our vision? And where do we want to go? He showed how when he first started in business he used a slide rule, to calculator, and now at the end of his NBC career, he uses an iPhone. The purpose of the tool is still the same, to make calculations. However, there was change needed in the tool. He shared that NBC needs to increase their pool, starting from a person’s calling all the way to the end of the cycle. NBC can prepare more than ministers - also lay people - Education to and in the local church - Mentoring and coaching - Adult ministry improvement. He says NBC’s best days are ahead. “Where are we going?” is the question to ask.

Dr. Sherwood shared that Dr. Church will come back in February in a part time capacity two days a week doing Institutional Research and prompting the President on strategic partnerships like The Salvation Army, etc.

Dr. Alan Lyke will be Provost of the college, overseeing internal operations and affairs, overseeing Enrollment Management department and Financial Aide, as well as Academic Affairs.

The President’s Office will focus on external affairs. These are areas that don’t exist as departments in the college. 1. Church relations, 2. Alumni relations, 3. Donor relations, 4. Student recruitment; Strategy and personnel will follow later.

The Cabinet will have four members, instead of five members, which is a change.

Dr. David Church