

## Christian Scholar Journey from Solitary to Civic Engagement Study

**Introduction:** Grad life can be extremely isolating with research, publishing, and family demands, barely getting past the many academic hurdles. It appears easy to focus on work in labs and libraries and ignore the colleagues God has called you to know and encourage. What does God ask of me?

**I Cor 4:1, 2** The name given to each believer, whether in academia or industry, is a SERVANT and STEWARD.

What is the calling for each of these roles?

The researcher has a unique stewardship. What does it mean to you to be a steward of the MYSTERIES of God?

What does it mean to be found FAITHFUL?

How can we SERVE peers and STEWARD MYSTERIES while completing our degree?

**Acts 6:1-6** Tells of first century struggles of the early church and the calling of Apostles to do their work and allow others to handle the challenge. What were the qualifications for selection?

Whether in your department or Fellowship, what would it take for you to be available and visible to serve?

What is the result of this engagement? Can you surrender daily to the Spirit for power and wisdom to serve?

**Rom 12:1, 2** What principles do you see as key to a scholars' calling to live rightly in society?

Salvation is by grace alone. The Christian life is lived in daily surrender to the Spirit for power. What is meant by "presenting our bodies as living sacrifices?" While a Lordship decision is not a requirement for salvation, it is a reasonable form of worship? What does a Lordship decision mean to you as a scholar?

You may have come to the Christian Grad Fellowship for support and encouragement but our calling is to be prepared for our future calling. This includes learning how to live in a society with rules and demands.

Rom 13:1, 2 What responsibilities are stated or assumed in the command to live rightly in society?

We believe that every grad group or extended community needs several priorities from us to function well together. We need to bring our gifts to the group, church and society because the task requires each of us to engage. Our fight is not against flesh and blood so we must "put on the full armor of God" and become to our colleagues Shepherds, Warriors and Diagnosticians in order to ensure that others are connected, equipped and being brought into fullness of Christ. If called to a leadership role in CGF will you be filled and available?