

WHY ALL MISSIONARIES, PASTORS, AND
CHURCH PLANTERS SHOULD CONSIDER
THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

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DENNIS GREESON

- Dennis was raised on the mission field in South Asia. Besides his experience participating in his family's ministry through the years, he has engaged in short-term and mid-term work in evangelism and church planting among Muslims:
 - India (West Bengal and Kashmir)
 - Maldives
 - Malaysia
- Additionally, in the US he has worked in international student ministry with churches in the US.
- While attending seminary in preparation for long-term international missions, he sensed a calling into theological education.
- Dennis is now finishing his dissertation for his PhD in Systematic Theology. His research interests include the intersection of theology and culture, making sense of the church's mission in society, and the way Christians should engage issues of the public square.



BENJAMIN QUINN

- Born and raised in north Mississippi. Experienced a call to ministry at a young age in a church that was very missions focused.
- Pursued theological training at Union University, Southeastern Seminary and University of Bristol (UK).
- Teaches full-time at Southeastern Seminary (SEBTS) and pastors a small church in Spring Hope, NC.
- Ultimate desire to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, especially preparing pastors and missionaries!

SKEPTICAL QUESTIONS

- Theological education often seems impractical, not as urgent, or not on the cutting edge of ministry realities. Why should I care?
- Doesn't theological education cultivate pride and ivory tower superiority?
- Since theological education is so expensive, requires so much time, or requires too rigid a schedule, isn't my time and money better spent elsewhere?

IMPORTANCE AND POSSIBILITIES OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

- “Every Christian deserves a well-trained pastor.” –Dr. Richard Pratt
- Importance of Biblical and Theological training
- Importance of historical awareness
- Just as important as contextual and language training!
- Does it really matter? Shouldn't we just share Jesus?
- How do I get trained with all I have to do in preparation to deploy?

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