

Saturday Symposium: Prayer and the Academic Calling

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Featured Speaker: Dr. Gordon Smith is the president of Ambrose University. He teaches systematic theology and spiritual theology and is the author of many books, including *Courage and Calling*, *Called to be Saints*, *Spiritual Direction*, *The Voice of Jesus*, and *Teach us to Pray*.

"The assumption that there is another sphere of reality beyond what we can see and touch and taste and hear seems manifestly a contradiction to the dominant social, political, and cultural context in which we are being called to live out our Christian faith....We live in societies and communities where the Christian voice is no longer privileged: religious identity and values are consistently discounted.

*...What does it mean to pray when the kingdoms of this world are front and center?... What does it mean to pray when materialism - the assumption that the only reality is that which you can taste and touch and see/hear - is in the very air that we breathe? [An excerpt from, *Teach us to Pray*, published this year by IV Press, Pg. 20.]*

Dr. Smith addresses these questions and more with the wisdom of the ages and from living out his faith in the academic arena. Don't miss this opportunity to be with him on this live zoom event on February 2, Saturday from 9am - 11:30am EST. The symposium will be a **live webcast** format with campuses for the first 100 participants/locations who register across the Midwest, the country & world, in partnership with the Society of Christian Scholars.

[NOTE: If you are near Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland we will originate this event live on campus. It is free and open to all in the academic community. For room location, email the symposium host there: bok.chew@intervarsity.org]

About the Speaker

In addition to being the president of Ambrose University and Seminary in Calgary, Alberta, where he also serves as Professor of Systematic and Spiritual Theology, he is also a Teaching Fellow at Regent College, Vancouver, BC. He is married to Joella and they have two adult sons – married and with children of their own.

Register today at: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ecQhzneGSCioXN-SyQLZbg to receive the webcast link and live presentation location in Cleveland contact: Howard Van Cleave at howard.van-cleave@intervarsity.org or text to: 614-404-7076.

