

Impact of the Seminary on me: Frans van Zyl

I came to the seminary with an urgency upon my heart to teach others the truths found in the Word of God. When I arrived, I thought I knew enough truth to teach others, but I was aware that I did not know how to present them to the people of God.

I came to CBS to be trained how to preach. After my first session in class, I realized I do not know anything. That did not discourage me, instead gave me an even greater appetite for the Word of God. I was amazed and inspired by the love the lectures have for the Lord and their passion for the ministry. I still remember one of them saying to our class he is a pastor first and a lecturer second. The mentoring I received over these 3 years taught me to look at myself more honestly, showed me how to be a better husband and father, prepared me to shepherd the flock of God.

The lectures did not train us to become academics, they prepared us for the ministry. This does not mean that academics are lacking behind. I am inspired to continue my studies. I have also grown a love for reading books relating to ministry and believe it or not, church history.

I have been taught how to properly read and interpret the Bible from the perspective of the original author. I have overcome my fear for public speaking and...Yes, I now know how to formulate a sermon from a passage and preach that passage.

For the rest of my life I will be grateful to God and indebted to these wonderful godly men for the way the Lord used them to impact my life and ministry.

