



2018 IBC “Shepherds, Flocks and Kings” Faculty

(In alphabetical order)

George DeJong... George discovered it's the Bible and the Land while Israel in 1998 and has been an avid teacher of biblical context ever since. He is the author of "*In a Word.*" When not leading contextual study programs to Israel, Jordan and Egypt as part of his "*Under the Fig Tree*" ministry, George pastors the Holland Heights Christian Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan.

Brad Gray... Brad's great passion is helping people better understand, love, and live out the biblical text. He is a national speaker, a communications instructor, author of *Make Your Mark: Getting Right What Samson Got Wrong*, and founder of *Walking the Text*. Brad has traveled extensively to the biblical lands of Israel, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, and Greece, and currently leads biblical study trips to Israel and Turkey. Brad is an ordained minister and served as a teaching pastor for more than a decade. He has a BA in Business Management from Cornerstone University (Grand Rapids, MI), an MDiv from Western Theological Seminary (Holland, MI), and did additional graduate work at Jerusalem University College (Jerusalem, Israel). Brad and his family have recently relocated to Nashville, TN.

Doug Greenwold... Doug is a long-time teacher of the Scriptures. He received his BS and MS degrees, as well as a MBA degree from the University of Michigan, where he also played basketball. For thirty-two years, Doug worked in general management and

executive positions in Information Systems, Healthcare Services, and Life Sciences. He retired from the corporate world in 1999 to teach the Bible in context.

In 1978 Doug discovered he was called to teach the Scriptures, his true vocation. Doug has been teaching the Bible, writing and leading retreats, conferences, and workshops for churches and para-church ministries ever since. In 1988, he first visited Israel on a study tour and realized the importance of integrating the context of the land with the biblical texts. Since then he has been an avid student and teacher of the Bible in its contextual setting.

Presently Doug is the Senior Teaching Fellow at Preserving Bible Times, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and presenting biblical truth through contextual restoration of the biblical record. Prior to that, he was a Teaching Associate at the C. S. Lewis Institute in Washington, D.C. Doug was also a Teaching Director with Community Bible Study and a Christian educator in the Washington, D.C. area.

Doug has written eight books including *Encounters with Jesus, Making Disciples Jesus' Way, The Rest of the Story, Becoming a Judean Shepherd, That Good Samaritan, Those Prodigal Sons* and *The Paralytic's Amazing Friends*.

When not speaking and writing, Doug has led contextual immersion trips to Israel ("*The Life and Land of Jesus*") and Italy ("*Paul's Roman World*"). He is a frequent interview guest on Christian radio and TV and is the author of 100+ articles on aspects of biblical context.

Danielle Parish... Danielle Parish is the Pastor and co-founder of [Spark Church](#) in Palo Alto. In professional ministry since 1993, Danielle served at Bel Air Presbyterian Church, Calvary Lutheran Church and Abundant Life Christian Fellowship, working primarily in youth ministry, children's ministry, pastoral care and executive pastoral leadership.

Danielle studied at Scripps College in Claremont, San Jose Christian College (now William Jessup University), and Jerusalem University College, receiving her Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary.

In 2003, Danielle began traveling to the Middle East, studying the historical and cultural context of the Bible and began leading Israel study tours in 2008. Danielle is a contributor to [Jerusalem Perspective](#), is a sought after Bible teacher and is co-authoring a book with Dr. Cyndi Parker on understanding the Gospels. She resides with her husband and daughters in Mountain View, California.

Stacie Post... Born and raised in Northern Michigan, Stacie attended Wheaton College where she completed a BA in Psychology with a minor in Christian Education. After college she spent 4 years working at Spring Hill Camps where she stumbled upon her love for leading worship. After her time at Spring Hill she spent 4 years as an Area Director for Young Life while continuing to play at various events, camps, and summer staff worship at

Spring Hill. Her next stop was Evergreen Ministries in Hudsonville where she spent three years as the Music Director.

In 2006, Stacie moved to Jerusalem and completed a 2-year Masters Degree in Biblical History and Geography at Jerusalem University College. Soon after returning from Jerusalem, Stacie started working for Campus Ministry @ GVSU as the Worship Director where she had the joy of training and raising up college students as worship leaders. In 2013, she moved into a new role with Campus Ministry as the Director of Discipleship.

Stacie is married to Ben Post, who is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America and also employed at Campus Ministry @GVSU. Miraculously they share an office on campus, as well as a deep love for college students. Ben and Stacie have also had the unique privilege of leading several trips to Israel/Palestine for GVSU students. Ben and Stacie live in Holland, Michigan with their two beautiful adopted sons, Jaden and Eli.

Dr. Randall Smith... In 1979 after one year at Philadelphia College of the Bible, Randy headed to Jerusalem. It was during this time his love affair with the land of Israel began. Randy immersed himself in studying and learning about the land of the Bible and how it relates to understanding the Scriptures. While there he attended language school and Near East courses at Hebrew University. He studied at *Ecole Biblique* and the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies under Dr. James Fleming. During this time he began leading day tours around the city of Jerusalem to help pay for his classes.

By 1989, with his master's and doctorate in hand, Randy began working for Biblical Resources under Dr. James Monson continuing what he does best, teaching. When the Gulf War erupted, he returned to the United States with his family and began pastoring at the Ft. Lauderdale Grace Brethren Church.

In 1995, continuing to feel the call of the Holy Land, the Smiths moved back to Jerusalem. During this time, Randy started his own business leading study tours to Israel, Jordan, Turkey, Greece and Egypt. Returning to Florida in 2002, Randy became the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Sebring, FL and launched the Great Commission Bible Institute (GCBI). Now in its tenth year, GCBI provides in-depth contextual, tuition-free Bible instruction, page by page, for a year.

More recently, Randy has been sharing his wisdom and teaching with his YouTube One Hour-One Book video series and is already in the top 100 of YouTube searches. Randy continues to lead study programs to Bible Lands through his Christian Travel Study Program organization and blogs on his *The Wandering Shepherd* website. Recently he has published ***Grasping God's Purpose: Lessons from Exodus*** and ***Paul's Response to the Roman World: The Gospel's Confrontation with Paganism***.