

Sam Gist

Statement of Faith: Jesus is Lord, and His grace is the reason I can stand, speak, and serve.

Calling: I have felt God's quiet pull throughout my life, a call to build, to guide, and to help others find meaning in their work and faith. In this season, I sense that calling in helping people grow within our RbC church body. My prayer is to live a faith that is real and authentic.

Ministry Gifts: Discernment, teaching, service, encouragement.

Past, Present and Future: I grew up with a deep appreciation for both faith and curiosity, two things that have shaped every step of my journey. After earning degrees in communications and design, I found my calling in helping others learn, grow, and connect to purpose. I've spent my career building learning experiences in higher education, and I continue to see that work as ministry, a way of forming hearts as well as minds. I am married to Laurie, my best friend and the steady grace in my life. We have raised two amazing kids and are learning what it means to enjoy this new season as they find their own paths.

The future is something I hold loosely but expectantly. My hope is to stay faithful in small things and trust that God's purposes will unfold in His time.

Favorite Bible Verse: "He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it." -1 Thessalonians 5:24

Favorite Book Quote: "Faith is not the clinging to a shrine but an endless pilgrimage of the heart." -Abraham Joshua Heschel

Who I am: I am not defined by my work, successes, or failures. I am a beloved son of God, learning to walk with open hands and a hopeful heart.

Impactful Life Lesson: God has met me most clearly in moments of uncertainty and failure. Again and again, I have learned that when my plans and desires unravel, His presence remains steady, consistent and loving.