

ANCHORED: AVOID THE DRIFT

A Six-Session Professional Development Series for Christian Educators

Based on the book by Scott Davis

Course Overview

Teaching in today's culture is hard work. Christian educators stand on the front lines of worldview formation, shaping hearts and eternity. Without intentional anchors, even the most passionate teachers can slowly drift—from calling into survival mode, from ministry into maintenance.

Anchored: Avoid the Drift equips Christian school teachers and leaders with six biblical, practical anchors that keep them steady, joyful, and effective for the long haul. Each session combines Scripture, real-life stories, and actionable classroom practices that fit the real demands of a teacher's week.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this series, participants will be able to:

- Clearly articulate their God-given “why” and reclaim teaching as a sacred calling
- Guard their minds against conformity to culture through intentional daily practices
- Move from white-knuckle control to surrendered trust that produces peace and strength
- Lead their classrooms as a thermostat (setting the climate) rather than a thermometer
- Embrace their unique gifts and serve with the heart of Jesus rather than performance
- Share a clear, authentic three-part testimony of God's past, present, and ongoing work

Session Overview

#	Session Title	Core Focus	Key Verse
1	Anchored in Purpose	Define your why • Daily Scripture • Biblical community • Confession & calibration	<i>Acts 20:24</i>
2	Guarding the Mind	Begin with the Word • Guard your input • Take thoughts captive • Walk with the wise	<i>Romans 12:2</i>
3	Surrender is Strength	Let go of perfectionism • Give grace • Trust God with delayed results (bamboo story)	<i>Luke 22:42</i>
4	Leading with Joy	Thermostat vs. thermometer • Gratitude • Celebrate wins • Laugh often	<i>Phil. 4:4</i>
5	Embrace Your Ministry	Know your gifts • Serve like Jesus • Let the fruit of the Spirit lead	<i>Eph. 2:10</i>
6	Testify	Past (the pit) • Salvation (new creation) • Present (what God is doing now)	<i>1 Peter 3:15</i>

Suggested Ways to Use This Series

- Full-day professional development (*all six sessions with discussion breaks - in total approximately one hour each session with discussion*)
- Six consecutive faculty meetings or PLC sessions (one session per meeting)
- Small-group teacher studies or summer reading groups
- Individual study with the accompanying fill-in-the-blank notes

Recommended Materials

- Fill-in-the-blank notes for each session (provided)
- Bible (NKJV preferred, as used throughout the series - ultimately, the version of your choice)
- Notebook or journal for personal reflection and discussion questions

Final Word

You don't have to be a perfect teacher to finish your race with joy. You simply have to stay anchored. These six sessions are designed to help you do exactly that—so that when the pressures come, the culture shifts, and the days feel long, you remain steady, fruitful, and full of hope for the students God has entrusted to you.

Stay anchored. Finish strong.