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- 4) **Veritas Forum**, a Christian lectureship series of speakers (generally teaching and researching PhDs from around the country). Recent two day series was done at Iowa State University with Wash-U professor Joshua Swamidass. Topics included Artificial Intelligence and Human Origins. See <https://www.veritas.org/> as well as Veritas channel on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/VeritasForum> See also Joshua Swamidass at his website: <https://peacefulscience.org/>
- 5) **Faculty Bible Study** with emphasis on Spiritual Formation and Rule of Life application. Team approach to manuscript bible study with faculty groups. The further enrichment of formation and application is a helpful balance to what can be a strict focus on biblical and theological content. Reach out to george.stulac@intervarsity.org and benw@wustl.edu See Ben also for his work with **Post-Docs on Communal Spiritual formation and rhythms.**
- 6) **Faculty Prayer Fellowships** can be very simple and spur a thriving network of faculty praying with each other and for their departments. See InterVarsity's 3X3 Missional Prayer strategy brochure for engaging Christian faculty members. Reach out to tim.perry@intervarsity.org
- 7) **Syntrek – This spiritual friendship model** is being developed with professional students (PT/OT/Pharmacy) at Creighton University. Students are paired up after connecting with GFM during New Student Outreach. Students meet on their own weekly to explore Spiritual Friendship. A resource and story blog is under construction at <https://syntrek.blog/> Monthly, whole-group brunch allows Syntrek pairs to gather and connect with GFM staff and a different guest Faculty Mentor each time. Reach out to tim.perry@intervarsity.org

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