

JONATHAN K. DODSON

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Ministry Objective

Passionate and dedicated theologian, pastor, and author with extensive experience in pastoral ministry, theological education, and discipleship. I love helping leaders grow in depth, wisdom, and health to serve Christ and his kingdom. My gifts are in the areas of teaching, pastoral care, encouragement, and visionary leadership.

Core Competencies

- Biblical Teaching & Preaching
 - Leadership & Leader Development
 - Pastoral Care
 - Evangelism & Outreach
 - Discipleship & Mentorship
 - Writing & Theological Reflection
 - Cultural Engagement
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Education

Th.M. – Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Hamilton, MA (May, 2006)

Major: Biblical Theology, emphasis in New Testament

Thesis: *Creation in Colossians* (Advisor: Sean M. McDonough)

M.Div. – Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Hamilton, MA (May, 2005)

Emphasis in Theology & Missiology

B.A. – University of North Texas, Denton, TX (May, 1999)

Major: Cultural Anthropology

Recent Publications

- *Foundations Series: Doctrine, Bible, Mission, Devotion, Gospel*, 2024-2025

- *The Unwavering Pastor: Leading the Church with Grace in Divisive Times*, Good Book, 2022
 - *Our Good Crisis: Overcoming Moral Chaos with the Beatitudes*, IVP, 2020
 - *Here in Spirit: Knowing the Spirit who Creates, Sustains, & Transforms Everything*, IVP, 2018
 - *The Unbelievable Gospel: Say Something Worth Believing*, Zondervan, 2015
Awarded Christianity Today's Best Book in Evangelism/Apologetics
 - *Raised? Finding Jesus by Doubting the Resurrection*, Zondervan, 2014
 - *Gospel-Centered Discipleship*, Crossway 2012, revised 2022
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Professional Ministry Experience

Theologian in Residence

Citizens Church, Plano, TX 9/2023-2/2025

- Developed and launched *The Institute* for theological education and spiritual growth
- Mentored lead pastors on life and ministry decisions
- Refined church philosophy of ministry and coached staff on sabbaticals
- Led a theology group and taught Bible classes attended by 250 men
- Preached 5-10 times per year and spoke at retreats/conferences

Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Ministry

Western Seminary, 6/2023-8/2023

- Developed and taught ML 593: *Theology and Practice of Pastoring People and Ministries*
- Covered missional leadership, pastoral identity, and theological vision

Lead Pastor & Church Planter

City Life Church, Austin, TX, 11/2007–2022

- Planted and grew a missional church from 7 to 250 members
- Developed elder teams, staff, and missional community structures
- Led vision, preaching, teaching, and leader development
- Helped plant churches in Dublin, Montreal, Nashville, and Round Rock, TX

Founder of Austin Area Church Planting Network

Austin, TX, 2008–2015

- Developed Mission, Vision, and Strategy
- Led a board of 8 members
- Established quarterly micro-conferences
- Established church planter hubs for networking, encouragement, and prayer
- Focused on helping plant churches across the city

Church Planting Coach & Pastoral Mentor

Acts 29, 2008-present

- Coached church planters and pastors across the U.S.
- Mentored pastors through workshops and online sessions
- Frequent conference speaker on evangelism, discipleship, and church planting

Founder of GCDiscipleship.com

2008-present

- Resource ministry for discipleship and writing development
- Publishes weekly theological articles and books
- Hosts bi-annual Writer's Cohort for aspiring theological writers

Partner & Trainer with Resource Global

2019-present

- Helped establish Kuala Lumpur Training Hub for Faith & Work
- Regular speaker to business leaders and pastors

Teaching Interests

- Pastoral Theology & Ministry
 - Church Planting & Leadership
 - Evangelism and Discipleship
 - Cultural Apologetics
 - Pneumatology
 - Spiritual Formation
 - Preaching
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Board Appointments

- Austin Area Church Planting Network (Founding Board Member, 2007-2017)
 - Fair Deed Project (Vice President)
 - Acts 29 Texas Region (Founding Board Member, 2008-2010)
 - Music for the City (Founding Board Member, 2009-2010)
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References

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Associate Professor of New Testament

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“Christ is all, and in all.” – Colossians 3:11