

SLADE



Stan
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GLOBAL

LANGUAGES

Spanish
English

MINISTRY PRIORITY

Theological Education

BIRTHDAY

11/16



LOCATION

Global



ABOUT

STAN is a teacher whose “classroom” might be located almost anywhere in the world. Sometimes he leads workshops for pastors with almost no formal schooling. Sometimes he is a visiting professor serving doctoral students in high-tech classrooms. Whatever the setting, Stan is passionate about helping

church leaders become more effective servants of Christ, especially in understanding and communicating the message of Scripture. In 2018, he began teaching not only in person, but also online, as part of IM’s innovative partnership with Palmer Seminary of Eastern University and a growing number of Latin American seminaries. That work became valuable preparation for working with partners around the world as we all continue to adapt to pandemic restrictions. Whether face-to-face or virtual, Stan’s approach is catalytic and relational.

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Gaby Ostin is a Haitian-Dominican leader, engaged with fellow leaders in animated dialogue over the message of Colossians 1:15-20 for the mission of the church today.

“ MINISTRY STORY

“Sir, how does this passage I highlighted fit with what you just said?”

The question popped into the texting channel we keep open both during our online conversations and in between class sessions. Class was ending, but “A” was eager to continue, because he had just gotten an idea he wanted to explore. He was excited about the connections he was beginning to make between different elements in the Gospel of Mark—and between Mark’s message and our own lives. Back and forth we went, tapping out questions, answers, hypotheses, insights... and excited convictions.

I truly love to facilitate learning-through-discovery. Whether by sharing observations and questions, or by responding to students’ questions with hints, suggestions, and yet more questions, I love to invite students to learn to discover for themselves the rich message of Scripture. So, long after the Zoom session ended, “A” and I kept at it, deepening our shared understanding of how Jesus shaped his first disciples... a story Mark tells to shape us, his readers.

Listening to the voice of Mark, we discover we are hearing the voice of the Lord.

Moments like this one are less frequent during the pandemic than when we can cross paths on campus, or catch a few moments before or after class. Especially for my students on Zoom from the other side of the planet, who embody a different culture and speak several other languages better than the English we’re using. But they still happen... thanks be to God!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for creativity, patience, and wisdom as we all continue to adapt to a COVID-shaped world.

Pray for cross-cultural sensitivity as I learn with and from those I am called to teach.

Pray for discernment and wisdom as I consider ministry invitations.

SCRIPTURE

“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.”

Colossians 1:28 (NIV)