

OUR HISTORY

Faith International University & Seminary was founded in 1969 as an institution committed to the inerrant Scriptures and the Great Commission mandate. The mission of the institution is to advance the Kingdom of God worldwide by developing and equipping disciples through biblical teaching, leadership training, and practical experience in ministry and the marketplace.

The Rev. Dr. R. H. Redal was called as the first president and initial classes were held September 23, 1969, in Tacoma, Washington. In 2006, the Rev. Dr. Michael J. Adams was appointed as Dr. Redal's successor. The institution is interdenominational and currently serves students across the globe who represent various Christian ministries and organizations committed to the authority of God's Word.



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WES NEAL

SCHOOL OF SPORTS MINISTRY

TO PLAY AND COACH "2 x 4"—ACCORDING "TO" THE WORD OF GOD,
"BY" THE POWER OF GOD AND "FOR" THE GLORY OF GOD.



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FAITH INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND SEMINARY (F.I.U.) WILL LAUNCH THE WES NEAL SCHOOL OF SPORTS MINISTRY FOR THE 2019 FALL QUARTER. THE SCHOOL IS NAMED AFTER WES NEAL, AUTHOR OF THE BENCHMARK BOOK ON THE INTEGRATION OF SPORT AND FAITH ENTITLED, “THE HANDBOOK ON ATHLETIC PERFECTION”, AND A FOUNDING FATHER IN THE SPORTS MINISTRY MOVEMENT IN THIS GENERATION

Faith International University and Seminary (F.I.U.) will launch The Wes Neal School of Sports Ministry for the 2019 Fall Quarter. The school is named after Wes Neal, author of the benchmark book on the integration of sport and faith entitled, “*The Handbook on Athletic Perfection*”, and a founding father in the sports ministry movement in this generation

Classes are expected to begin with both a residential component (taught in person at the F.I.U. campus) and an online component (distance learning) in this first year of the schools launch.

The vision for the School of Sports Ministry is that it begins as elective classes within existing undergraduate and graduate programs at Faith International University and Seminary. Eventually, the School of Sports Ministry will evolve into actual undergraduate and graduate degree programs and it will become an emphasis in Sports Ministry at the doctoral level. These are all extremely rare opportunities within the current landscape of the U.S. educational system.

The school will be driven by a philosophy of competition called “Competing Biblically” directly associated with the core teachings of Wes Neal. Scotty Kessler will be the initial F.I.U. Director of The School of Sports Ministry, himself having been transformed by the writings of Wes Neal in his early college years.



PERFECTION

Wes Neal called this philosophy of competition “Total Release Performance”. We at F.I.U. call it “Competing Biblically,” focusing on the conviction that at its core this philosophy derives its power from Holy Spirit, its impact from the Word of God with its ultimate goal being the Glory of God.

These principles of competition regarding the playing and coaching of sports (from youth level to professionally) will be communicated in a practical manner that ensures that they will be relational (prioritize people over productivity), sustainable (they will last), reproducible (they will multiply to others), oral (they will be learned by doing and not simply by hearing) and will be simple (they will be practically communicated within practices and games).

The primary goal of the Wes Neal School of Sports Ministry is to glorify God and advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ through the integration of sport and faith in order to reach the world for Jesus through The Great Commission Lifestyle and the vehicle of sport.

The by-product of this philosophy will be the transformation of players, coaches, families and friends, impacting them with the desired result of players and coaches becoming better spouses, parents, friends and workers. The School of Sports Ministry will develop individuals who by instruction, implementation and oversight will learn how to walk with god, for a lifetime, finish strong, reproduce and multiply the lifestyle of Jesus through the vehicle of sport.

In conclusion, the world yearns to win and glorify self (idolatry); the scriptures command us to compete with our whole heart, strong will, clear mind and great passion in order to glorify God (worship), regardless of the outcomes of competition. We at the F.I.U. School of Sports Ministry see sport as worship that enhances life at every level. At the end of the day, the integration of sport and faith is not something we “do”, it is someone we “become”.

