

# In-Service Training for Christian Schools

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## Nehemiah Institute, Inc.



1-800-948-3101

**Theme:**

Biblical Worldview and Philosophy of Education

**Overview:**

This program consists of PEERS Testing, three Keynote presentations and a 10-lesson study course on philosophy of education complete with faculty manual, Leader Edition and DVD presentation providing instruction for each lesson.

**Format:**

The PEERS Test is administered in online format approximately 30-45 days prior to in-service day. This is required for all faculty members and leadership plus recommended for other school admin personal. Recommend to have students included in PEERS testing to create “baseline” of worldview understanding (9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade).

Keynote Presentations are as follows: (50 minutes each)

- Overview of Worldview
- Review of PEERS Assessments
- The Centrality of Worldview in Life and Education (EBW course)

**Materials provided:**

- *PILLARS* study course
- *Education From a Biblical Worldview* study course
- *Where Are we Going?* booklet
- *Teacher's, Curriculum, Control* booklet

**Cost:** See enclosed In-Service contract

## Half-Day Staff Development Seminar

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[Session #1 Overview of Worldview](#)

This session gives an overview of the PEERS assessment program and illustrates how all people take possession of some worldview philosophy. Trends in worldview understanding among students in Christian and public schools over the past 20+ years will be reviewed including difference in results among Christian schools having implemented Biblical worldview training. Summary results of PEERS testing for the school holding the seminar will be reviewed and discussed.

[Session #2 PEERS Assessment](#)

Review of PEERS results with Q&A on various PEERS test items.

[Session #3 The Centrality of Worldview in Life and Education \(EBW Course\)](#)

All education conveys someone's worldview. Everything an educator does either supports or conflicts with the Biblical worldview. Since the formation of a child's worldview begins long before he reaches high school, Christian schools that purpose to impart a Biblical worldview must understand the centrality of worldview to the education

process. This section examines the concept of worldview, demonstrates the essential spiritual reality of worldview and defines Christian education in terms of worldview.

**Note 1:** Session 3 reviews the course entitled, *Education From a Biblical Worldview*. The course is covered in detail following the in-service day using DVD presentation of each lesson (10 total). Certificates are awarded by Nehemiah Institute for each attendee with verification from school head that the course has been completed.

**Note 2:** Total time required for complete of In-service program as follows:

PEERS Testing-	1 hour (taken in advance of in-service day)
In-service sessions-	3 hours (3 Power Point presentations, half day)
EBW study-	<u>10 hours</u> (one lesson per week, locally-led)
Total	14 hours

**Note: 3** This course has been approved by ACSI as follows:

Activity title: Education From the Biblical Worldview.

Course number: ACSI201350581

CEU Type: Professional/Educational

CEUs: 2

Nehemiah Institute provides names/date to ACSI for formal approval of CEU credit.

## Why we use PEERS<sup>®</sup> Testing— From Nehemiah Institute The Premier Worldview<sup>®</sup> Center



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### **It is the teacher who provides the worldview guidance for students, even more than the curriculum.**

For that reason, I give the PEERS test to new teachers to help them see where their own presuppositions may need rethinking. Then I follow up in our continuing education classes with studies based on the items they most frequently missed. The position papers provided by the Nehemiah Institute have been invaluable as study guides for our teachers in evaluating what the Bible has to say concerning politics, economics, and other academic disciplines



Dr. Paul Jehle, Senior Pastor of The New Testament Church

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### **We have found the PEERS test most useful in helping to train parents.**

We began using the PEERS test in 1989 and it has been a wonderful tool for discerning the intellectual worldview embraced by church elders, students, teachers and board members. Regardless of how well we may impart a Biblical worldview to students from trained teachers, the key to seeing true transformation in our land is the equipping of parents to consistently live out their Biblical faith in the home. If the home is not transformed, we have little hope of seeing churches and the surrounding culture impacted with a Biblical worldview.

**The PEERS Test is an integral part of our efforts to teach worldviews to our students.**

It is an excellent way to demonstrate why worldviews is an important course of study. The students are motivated by their scores at the beginning of the year to apply themselves to study to “renew their minds” in the areas where they have not scored well, and are encouraged when their scores improve dramatically by the end of the year. I cannot recommend the PEERS test highly enough.

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**I am so thankful that the Nehemiah Institute has developed the PEERS Test that both assesses and instructs in worldview.**

Developing a biblical worldview in our students is a key directive of our school mission statement. It is also consistently at the top of the list when our parents are surveyed as to why they have their children in our school. The PEERS Test is given in grade nine as a pre-test and again in grade 12 as a posttest to help us know if we are accomplishing our stated mission. If we are serious about developing a biblical worldview, we have to be intentional in our pursuit of it.

Michael R. Myers  
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**“The PEERS Test really looks promising both as a discussion tool and as a teacher in-service training tool.” Dr. Jeff Myers**

**Dr. Jeff Myers**  
President  
Summit Ministries

## **WHAT ABOUT YOU?**

Why not join the growing list of schools that are realizing that “worldview” is where the battle in education is being won or lost with students? Worldview assessment is just as important (some say more important!) as standardized testing. Nearly 1,000 schools have used PEERS Testing over the past 25 years to-

- 1- Establish a baseline of worldview understanding for the school (students and faculty).
- 2- Establish measurable goals over a 3-5 year period of time to ensure that the mission of the school- to provide **Christian** education- is being accomplished.
- 3- Use results of the PEERS test to identify areas of weakness in curriculum and/or in-service training needs of faculty.

Start the process today!

Call 1-800-948-3101 to discuss a worldview strategy tailor-made for your school.

Dan Smithwick  
President  
Nehemiah Institute

Note: The PEERS Test is the only professionally validated, theologically certified worldview assessment available to the Christian school.

**In-Service Faculty Training Contract – Half Day**

Provider: Nehemiah Institute, Inc., Orlando, FL 1-800-948-3101

Client: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ St TX Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Services provided:**

**Parent Meeting:** (evening prior to in-service faculty training)-  
 optional, but strongly recommended 250.00  
 Approximately 90 minutes, date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty In-service:**  
 Three 55-minute sessions date: \_\_\_\_\_ speaker fee 850.00  
 Material fee- \$65.00 per faculty x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(no. of faculty) sub-total

- Materials included:**  
 PEERS Test (taken in advance)  
 Teacher's, Curriculum, Control study (TCC)  
 Where are we Going? study  
 Education From a Biblical Worldview (EBW)  
 PILLARS worldview study course  
 Retail value: \$107.90 (40% discount for seminar)

**Materials:** for School Administrator: 295.00

- PILLARS study course w/Leader Instruction Guide
- Education From a Biblical Worldview – Leader's Guide
- 11-lesson DVD faculty course
- PEERS Test Booklet- adult
- Position Papers, (Enhanced, Standard)
- Teacher's, Curriculum, Control Study
- Where Are we Going study
- PEERS Validity Report
- Retail: \$544.55 (45% discount for seminar)

**Travel:** Airfare or personal auto (.39 per mile), as mutually agreed to:

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 (From Orlando, FL), airfare purchased by school

**Lodging:** standard motel facility, (if necessary) n/a

**Other**  
 PEERS Testing (students), optional to school

