

Joseph McCulley

Profile

I am a 31-year old Midwesterner and U.S. Army Veteran. My wife, Mandy, and I have been married for 10 years. She works professionally as an architect. She loves knitting, cooking, and exploring cities. I love theology, politics, American and Irish folk rock, and a wide range of fine art. I have the spiritual gift of meeting new people.

My StrengthsFinder top 5: Connectedness, Learner, Restorative, Ideation, and Context.

Experience

SECURITY TEAM LEAD | Minneapolis, MN

3/16–Present

I currently lead Bethlehem Baptist Church's security team at their downtown campus. I schedule five volunteers for weekend services, and train the team toward greater situational awareness and engagement of persons of concern. The team also plays a role in emergency response and fire drills, and coordinates with the children's ministry in the event of lost child.

ELDER, NORTHCREEK CHURCH | Woodinville, WA

4/13–4/15

I led the small groups ministry, which included small group leader training and matching people to small groups. This was alongside the usual multiplicity of responsibilities one has in a church plant: caring for parishioners, helping Sunday service run smoothly, planning and executing outreach events, leading a small group, making an annual budget, etc. The lead pastor graciously let me preach about once every month during this time.

CHAPLAIN ASSISTANT, SERGEANT (E-5), U.S. ARMY RESERVE | Des Moines, IA

3/04–3/12

I have extensive training in medical response, critical incident stress management, and suicide intervention. From April 2010 to March 2011 I completed a tour of duty in Balad, Iraq. I helped provide religious service to soldiers in a multi-denominational chapel, managing worship times, assisting the chaplains in their service set up, ordering materials and worship supplies, and keeping the space clean. This translates to experience as an administrative assistant, event planner, personal security, and facility/operations manager. I also gained general management experience as a non-commissioned officer (NCO).

Education

BETHLEHEM SEMINARY | Minneapolis, MN

8/15–Present

Currently studying for a Master of Divinity with a focus on biblical exegesis. I also help revise syllabi, grade, and sometimes fill in for the professor as a teaching assistant.

Additionally, as an elder apprentice, I have been involved in Bethlehem Baptist Church. I lead a small group, planning our discussions and outings. I also mentor a couple students at Bethlehem College. We meet one on one for informal discipleship as well as advice on personal and academic plans. I often take part in the weekend services by reading the sermon text, offering the prayer of praise, or helping with baptisms. I have co-taught a Sunday school on biblical hermeneutics, and I will co-teach again this fall on Tim Keller's *Center Church*.

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY | Lynchburg, VA

4/13–3/15

Graduated: Bachelor of Science in Religion.

FAITH BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE | Ankeny, IA

8/06–4/08

Studied two years toward a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies. Finished the degree at Liberty University.