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Dr. James Emery White is the founding and senior pastor of Mecklenburg Community Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. White started Mecklenburg in a Hilton Hotel in October 1992 as a way to reach people who were interested in spiritual issues but who doubted the relevancy of church to daily life. Today, Mecklenburg Community has grown to over five thousand attenders and experiences over 70 percent of its growth from those who were previously unchurched. During its formative years, Mecklenburg was often cited as one of America's fastest-growing churches.

As president of Serious Times, a ministry that explores the intersection of faith and culture, White has a passion for practicing biblical cultural engagement. Serious Times offers resources to educators, students and pastors seeking to understand our day and live high-impact lives for Christ in light of cultural challenges.

Dr. White is professor of theology and culture on the Charlotte campus of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, for which he served as the fourth president.

He holds M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees from Southern Seminary, where he was awarded a Garrett Teaching Fellowship in both New Testament and theology. He has also done advanced university study at Vanderbilt University in American religious history, and continuing education at Oxford University in England.

White is the author of over a dozen books, including Gold Medallion nominees *Serious Times* and *A Search for the Spiritual*, and *Christianity Today* Book of the Year Award winner *Embracing the Mysterious God*. Along with *Christ Among the Dragons*, White will release four InterVarsity Press booklets this fall titled *Is Jesus the Only Way to God? Can We Trust the Bible? Can We Believe in God?* and *What Do We Know About Jesus?*