

Brian Fikkert Short Bio

Dr. Brian Fikkert is a Professor of Economics and Community Development and the Founder and President of the Chalmers Center for Economic Development at Covenant College.

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- *Helping Without Hurting in Short-Term Missions*
- *Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence*
- *From Dependence to Dignity: How to Alleviate Poverty Through Church-Centered Microfinance*
- *Practicing the King's Economy: Honoring Jesus in How we Work, Earn, Spend, Save, and Give*
- *Becoming Whole: Why the Opposite of Poverty Isn't the American Dream* (March 2019).



Dr. Fikkert earned a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University, specializing in international economics and economic development. He is the author of numerous articles in both academic and popular journals. Prior to coming to Covenant College, he was a professor at the University of Maryland—College Park and a research fellow at the Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector.