

introducing



And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Timothy 2:2

ministry training network

Introducing MTN

The purpose of MTN is to glorify the one true God who has revealed himself in his Son Jesus Christ by training others to make him known, who then train others to do the same. MTN:

- Is a two year (ideally full-time) training experience specifically geared for the *local church* context.
- Promotes an *evangelistic* ministry model as standard for local church ministry.
- Promotes an *equipping* ministry model (see Eph 4:11-12) as standard for local church ministry.
- Recognises that this model of ministry is best learnt through a one-to-one traineeship (see 2 Timothy 2:2), with the trainee also meeting one-to-one with others *they* are training.
- Recognises the need for holistic training through three stands: (i) theological reflection (head); (ii) personal godliness (heart); (iii) ministry skills (hands).
- Provides a pathway for people considering training at theological college to explore their ideal ministry trajectory.
- Encourages a flexible approach to each individual MTN experience. Alongside core ministry tasks such as giving talks, small group leadership, welcoming/evangelism and meeting one-to-one, a trainee may focus on such areas as kids, youth, university, music, men's or women's ministry.
- Supports trainers and trainees through ongoing coaching support and quarterly gatherings.

Preparatory Year

The decision to enter a two-year pre-college ministry apprenticeship is a very significant one. Ideally, it's a decision that's made (or is already being considered) twelve months ahead. In the preparatory year:

- Meeting: the trainer and trainee should start meeting one-to-one on a regular basis and the trainee should also start meeting one-to-one with the two people they will be training.
- Reading: *God's Big Picture* by Vaughan Roberts (head); *Growing Yourself Up* by Jenny Brown (heart); *The Vine Project* by Tony Payne and Colin Marshall (hands).
- Planning: at the end of the preparatory year, the trainer and trainee should mutually agree upon two goals/outcomes for the traineeship under each of the three strands of head, heart and hands.

Reading

In each year of the traineeship the trainee should read through the whole Bible. This, and the reading below should be discussed in the weekly one-to-one meeting of trainer and trainee:

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Yr1	<i>Wisdom in Leadership</i> , Craig Hamilton	<i>A Better Story: God, Sex And Human Flourishing</i> Glynn Harrison	<i>Words of Life</i> Timothy Ward	<i>Center Church</i> Timothy Keller
Yr2	<i>Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Unchartered Territory</i> Ted Bolsinger	<i>Dangerous Calling</i> Paul David Tripp	<i>Evangelism in a Skeptical World</i> Sam Chan	<i>Sticky Teams</i> Larry Osborne