



Vision

At St Michael's our vision is to see more disciples of Jesus shining as lights in our city.

One of our key strategies is to equip generations of believers for ministry. Under this heading, we have three leadership principles:

- Initiative in leadership and use of gifts by members;
- Training disciple-makers to speak the truth in love to one another and beyond;
- Partnering with and sending workers for global mission, until Jesus returns.

This implies that disciples equipped at St Michael's will not only mature here, but many will go on to serve elsewhere in the Illawarra and beyond.

In particular, the aim of this proposal is to grow people in theological depth and leadership skills – or as we often say, to keep growing them in conviction, character and competence.

Target group

Christians who want to understand the Bible better, and wish to serve wherever they find themselves in church. In particular, we wish to encourage and equip people to serve not only in our own church, but in other churches in the region, for example, in the re-potting and reinforcement of existing Anglican churches, and also as plant team members for new church plants, and beyond.

To engage in this program, you would need to be at a stage of life, with time and energy, that enables you to commit a minimum of 5 hours/week.

Application process

Application form

- How and when did you come to Christ?
- What do you like most about being a Christian?
- How would you summarise the gospel? (Max 100 words)
- Who/what has been significant in your growth in Christ in the last year, and how?
- How have you been seeking to serve in the last year?
- Why would you like to do the training year?
- How would you like to grow this year, under God?

Follow up interview with a staff member

Program

Term	Week	Bible topic	Ministry skills topic
1 Promise to Fulfilment	1	Biblical theology	Expectations etc
	2	Jesus and the Old Testament	Why ministry? Why are you here? What compels us?
	3	Abraham and the Children of Promise 1	Ministry to others Service, other person centredness
	4	Abraham and the Children of Promise 2	Ministering out of who you are Understanding yourself
	5	Exodus and God's redemption 1	Ministering out of who you are Growing yourself
	6	Exodus and God's redemption 2	Ministry for the long haul
	7	The King of God's kingdom	Private prayers
	8	The Covenant of Grace	Public prayers
	9	The gospel for the nations	What is the gospel? (intro)
	10	The eternal inheritance	Challenge to mission
2 Pentateuch	1	Creation and God's purposes	What is the gospel? (?2W2L or other)
	2	Rebellion and Judgement	What is the gospel?
	3	The patriarchs	What is the gospel?
	4	The book of Exodus	What is the gospel?
	5	The redemption of Israel	Sharing your story
	6	Israel at Sinai	Sharing your story
	7	The sacrificial system	Using word 1-2-1
	8	The book of numbers	Using word 1-2-1
	9	The book of Deuteronomy	Intro to Simply Christianity
	10	Major ideas in Deuteronomy	Intro to Just for Starters
3 Doctrine 1	1	The Gospel of God	Listening to a sermon
	2	Knowing God	Principles and practice of exegesis
	3	Sources for knowledge of God	Principles and practice of exegesis
	4	The Bible as the word of God	Principles and practice of exegesis
	5	The God we know (1)	Household of God – inviting and welcoming
	6	The God we know (2): the Trinity	Household of God – looking outwards (ministry of the pew)
	7	The God who creates	Household of God - Being a team member
	8	The God who saves	Household of God - Leading a team

	9	The God who rules history	Household of God - serving
	10	The God who renews	Household of God – beyond St Michael’s
4 Ephesians	1	Why write to the Ephesians	Loving others by listening
	2	The big picture of God’s salvation	Loving others who are different from you
	3	The Christian and the church	Loving others who are grieving
	4	The mystery in focus	Loving others who are anxious
	5	The new humanity: in the church	Loving others in conflict
	6	The new humanity: the old self and the new self	Loving others - Beyond St Michael’s
	7	The new humanity: out of darkness into light	Theological Triage – first, second & third order issues
	8	The new humanity: living by God’s wisdom	Gender and Sexuality issues
	9	The new humanity: living in the overlap of the ages	Ministering cross-culturally
	10	To sum up all things in Christ	

Expectations

- The commitment to the program is for one year, with the expectation of a minimum of 5 hours/ week during school terms.
- For some, participating in the program will mean a break from being in a growth group, or from a regular ministry. However the commitment includes involvement in at least one ministry.

Over the year:

- Meet regularly with a mentor
- Involvement in a ministry
- Do *The Word 1-1* with someone
- Get to know a local from a different sub-culture
- Coffee with four St Michael’s Legends
- Try a different service
- Option of an additional 1 day/week volunteer in ministry eg teach SRE, involvement with EFL, one to ones, attend MTS trainee sessions

To complete the PTC:

- Intro to the Bible before starting
- Mark as intensive (e.g. in July)

Recommended reading

- *God's Big Picture* (Roberts)
- *Concise Theology* (Packer)
- *How to Walk into Church* (Payne)
- *What's Best Next* (Perman)
- *Wisdom in Leadership* (Hamilton)
- *1-1 Bible Reading* (Helm)
- *Side by Side* (Welch)
- *The Good God* (Reeves)
- Proverbs, twice
 - o For what it teaches about relationships and communication
 - o For what it teaches about leadership

Additional reading

- *The Everlasting God* (Knox)
- *The Cross of Christ* (Stott)
- *The Deep things of God* (Sanders)

Costs

- Cost for the PTC subjects is \$50 per unit. This includes access to online notes and an online exam. If you wish you can also purchase a printed book with the notes (\$20) and/or do a paper exam (\$15).
- There is an expected cost of \$20 for additional resources
- Books recommended for reading may be purchased, shared, or borrowed from staff or others.