



Ministry Training Year - 2024 Information

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.

The aim of the Ministry Training Year is to help 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 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?

Program Outline

Term 1

PTC subject: Promise to Fulfilment

Ministry: What does it mean for me to serve others?

Term 2

PTC subject: Old Testament 1: Genesis to Deuteronomy

Ministry: Living and haring the gospel

Term 3

PTC subject: Doctrine 1

Ministry: Reading the Bible, loving the church

Term 1

PTC subject: Ephesians

Ministry: Loving others

General 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.

In addition, over the year, we encourage you to:

- Meet regularly with a mentor
- Be involved in a ministry
- Read the Bible with someone new for a term
- Get to know a local from a different sub-culture (engage)
- Have a coffee with some older Christians
- Visit a different service

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.

Next steps?

- [Ministry training year application form](#)
- [PTC subject enrolment form](#)