

INTRODUCING CORNERSTONE'S MTC Ministry Training Core

Q: What is the *Ministry Training Core*?

A: The heart of the MTC is a comprehensive 5-7 year "game plan" of **core** studies and learning situations in which, under the Lord's direction, we intend to **train** the attendees of our church family for **ministry** at various levels and in various settings. CCC's constitutional statement of purpose includes the foundational commitment to "Biblical discipleship" for Christian life and ministry in which Christ is glorified (see Ephesians 4:11-16). The Ministry Training Core takes dead aim at accomplishing that purpose.

Q: How does the Ministry Training Core relate to Sunday morning and the Small Group ministry?

A: The MTC is intended to complement the Sunday morning worship service and various fellowship opportunities, such as our church buffets, corn roast and picnics, and the Common Ground groups. It takes these vital dimensions of Cornerstone several steps further in the area of personal and group training for serving Christ. Our Sunday morning, week day, and week night small groups provide the settings for several exciting and challenging MTC studies, such as *The Holiness of God* (who God is), *Your Work Matters to God* (serving God in the work place), *The Discipline of Grace* (how God grows us in Christ), *Shepherding a Child's Heart* (God-guided parenting), and a very wide range of practical Bible studies, from introductory to advanced levels.

Q: What does the 5-7 year "game plan" involve?

A: The "game plan" of core curriculum incorporates CCC's retreat and seminar training opportunities, such as the Spiritual Gifts Seminars and Leadership Retreats. It also utilizes counseling and marriage seminars provided by other ministries. The MTC greatly expands these opportunities with several key courses each quarter and specialized "hands on" ministry training experiences, ranging from our *Guatemala Partnership* short term missions involvement to *Undershepherd Internships*. The following 6 training tracks of the MTC reflect the broad range of our training. If you were to faithfully participate in 1 to 2 core courses each quarter on a guided basis over a 5-7 year period, they would provide you with comprehensive, in-depth training "covering all the bases" for life and ministry development.

Bible & Theology

Church History & Mission

Specialized Gifts & Ministry

Christianity & Culture

Vocation & Family Life

Spiritual Growth

Q: Do I need to be a leader or already know a lot to take advantage of this?

A: No!!! We *do* expect our leaders to be conscientiously involved and some courses are limited to target leaders or groups. But the MTC is intended to *develop* solid Biblical leadership in a variety of areas. This means *growing our own leaders from scratch!* Our aim is not to stuff people's heads with facts or knowledge, but to provide settings which foster thought, reflection, application, and "hands on" experience that will stretch and ultimately transform us and the ministries with which God entrusts us. The MTC is fair game for anyone and everyone who is a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Q: This sounds really great! Are there opportunities to get involved right now?

A: We're glad you asked. Just check out the next page for the current schedule. A few courses may be restricted to certain target groups or individuals, but most are wide open. Drop by the MTC Center at the Resource Tables in the church fellowship lobby for further information and registration regarding these. Or call the church office and ask for Pastor Roger (847-244-3007). Then start stretching!

MINISTRY TRAINING CORE
Schedule
SPRING (Jan - May) 2009

MTC Track	Course	Time	Leader(s)	Location	Resources	Cost
Bible & Theology	The Suffering Church 1 and 2 Peter (limit 10)	9 sessions 9-10 a.m. Sun, 1/18 - 3/29	Pastor Ron	Office Conf Room	Workbook	\$ 1.50
	Men's Group: The 10 Greatest Struggles of Your Life (limit 8)	12 sessions 6:30-8 p.m. Wed, 1/21 - 4/15	Dan Ruona & Bob Vester	Office Conf Room	Book (inc. Study Guide)	\$10.75
	Theological Foundations 2 (limit 12)	13 sessions 6-8 p.m. Tues, 1/20 - 4/28	Pastor Ron	Office Conf Room	Book & Workbook	WB \$30.00
	The Holiness of God (limit 15)	13 sessions 7-8:45 p.m. Thur, 1/22 - 5/14	Pastor Roger & Don Perret	TBA	Video & Workbook (Book optional)	\$3.00 (\$6.00)
Church History & Mission	2009 Guatemala Partnership Team	2/14-21, 2009 Prep meetings TBA	Pat & Jaime Makinen	Prep meetings TBA		\$1,500
Vocation & Family	Newly Married Bible Study Group	8 sessions Early evening Sun 1/25-3/15	Tom Kipp	TBA	Peacemaking For Families	\$11.00
Specialized Gifts & Ministry	Spiritual Gifts Seminar (limit 20)	9 a.m.-1 p.m. TBA	Pastoral Staff	TBA	Seminar Manual & Inventory	\$ 3.00
Spiritual Growth	One-To-One Discipling (pair)	10-14 sessions on-going	Contact Pastor Roger	Varies	Discipleship Manual	\$ 7.00
	Experiencing the Heart of Jesus	10 sessions 6:30-8:15 p.m. Tues, 1/20 - 3/24	Mike Staton & John Paulson	Jim & Judy Zaucha's	Study Guide	\$ 10.50

MTC REGISTRATION FORM
(this form may be placed in offering receptacle or sent to church office)

Your Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Study: _____ Study Leader: _____

Seminar: _____ Retreat: _____