

## 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), *Financial Peace University* (God-honoring personal finances), *The Discipline of Grace* (how God grows us in Christ), *Shepherding a Child's Heart* (God-guided parenting), and a 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, from short term missions involvement to deacon and elder training. 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  
FALL (Sept - Dec) 2016**

MTC Track	Course	Time	Leader(s)	Location	Resources	Cost
<b>Bible &amp; Theology</b>	Plugging In: CCC Memberships Course (limit 15)	12 sessions 7:00–8:30 p.m. Thurs, 9/15–12/15	Pastor Roger	Church Office Conference Room	CCC Membership Manual	\$1.50
	Bible Reading Encouragement Group ( <b>DAY</b> group)	12 sessions TBA	Greg Cain	TBA	Bible Reading Schedule	none
	Bible Reading Encouragement Group ( <b>EVENING</b> GROUP)	12 sessions TBA	Greg Cain	TBA	Bible Reading Schedule	none
	FOLLOW: A Journey through Jesus' Teachings in the Gospels	8 sessions 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thurs 9/15-11/10	Pastor Johnnie	Jim & Judy Zaucha's	Workbook	\$ 6.00
<b>Spiritual Growth</b>	One-To-One Discipling (pair)	10-14 sessions on-going	Contact Pastor Roger	Varies	Discipleship Manual	\$12.00
	Women's Bible Study: <i>The Longing in Me</i>	6 sessions 6:30-8:00 p.m. Mon 9/12-10/17	Suzi Niemi & Jaime Makinen	Church	Book (optional) Study Guide	Bk \$16 SG \$ 8
<b>Vocation &amp; Family</b>	Family Worship Mentoring (Men)	7 sessions p.m. TBA	See Pastor Roger	TBA	Book	None
<b>Christianity &amp; Culture</b>						
<b>Church History &amp; Mission</b>	C. S. Lewis and Mere Christianity	8 sessions 9:00-10:00 a.m. Sun, 9/18-11/27	Russ Billings	West Wing Room 109	Book Study Guide	\$ 9.00 \$ 7.50

\*A men's group meets 7:30-9:00 a.m. every Saturday in the church library – come as you are able

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

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Study Leader: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seminar: \_\_\_\_\_ Retreat: \_\_\_\_\_