

INVITATION TO MENTOR

You have been selected by someone earnestly seeking God's direction in his/her life as a possible mentor. What is a mentor? Technically speaking, a "mentor" is "a wise and trusted counselor or teacher." Spiritually speaking, a mentor is someone who intentionally guides another believer into a deeper relationship with Christ and helps that believer to discern God's direction in his/her life, leading them toward a life of obedience to God. The apprentice who has approached you believes you are the person to guide him/her.

Before accepting this responsibility, please prayerfully consider whether this mentor/apprentice relationship is something that you are able to commit to with dedication, enthusiasm, and spiritual clarity. If you are unsure whether you will be able to fill this role effectively and see it through to the end, please decline the opportunity so the apprentice will have the opportunity to make the most of a mentoring relationship with someone else at this critical time in his/her life. (If you are of a different gender than the apprentice who has approached you, please refer them to someone of the same gender whom you feel would be a good mentor.) What would my responsibilities be?

The apprentice who has approached you is just beginning to explore God's call on his/her life. They are currently working through curriculum given to them following their surrender to God's call. The assignment God has in mind for this apprentice may be to carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ as a church vocational minister or to carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ in another arena. Either way, your responsibility as a mentor would be to assist the apprentice as he/she begins to formalize his/her thoughts about calling, ministry and God's direction for his/her life. You may want to familiarize yourself with this website.

SPECIFICALLY, YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MENTOR WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** Commit to pray daily for your apprentice.
- 2.** Commit to maintain your relationship with Christ in such a way God will be able to work powerfully through you in the life of your apprentice.
- 3.** Commit to meet with your apprentice once a month for six months, choosing a time that is convenient for both of you, allowing at least an hour for discussion and prayer

during each meeting and preparing for said meeting. (First meeting should happen within two weeks of agreement to become a mentor.)

4. Commit to help your apprentice answer any questions they may have about God's direction in his/her life, listening carefully and only giving advice that you believe to be Spirit-led.

5. Commit to challenge your apprentice to grow and mature spiritually, relationally, professionally, academically, etc., presenting scripture for study on suggested topics and sharing related personal testimony.

6. To hold your apprentice accountable for commitments they make.

If you commit to become a Mentor, please ask your apprentice for all material that appears on The Discovery under the heading "Mentoring Guide."

MENTORING GUIDE FOR THE MENTOR

God bless you as you begin this journey as a mentor. Mentoring is an incredible privilege that carries with it great responsibility. Mentors are responsible for leading others into a deeper relationship with God, helping others to discern God's will for their lives and leading them into a life of obedience to God's call. The impact of a successful mentor may be felt for generations in the lives touched by his/her apprentice in the fulfillment of that apprentice's individual ministry assignment.

The Bible shows us that mentoring is an important function of the body of Christ. Paul, perhaps the best example of mentorship in the Bible, encourages his apprentice Timothy to carry on the mentorship process within the local body.

"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:2)

Understand that you have before you an opportunity to influence more than a single apprentice, but countless others who will benefit from your apprentice's spiritual growth, maturity and commitment to live in obedience to God, following His direction for that apprentice's life.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MENTOR

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3. Commit to meet with your apprentice once a month for six months, choosing a time that is convenient for both of you, allowing at least an hour for each meeting. (The first meeting should happen within two weeks of agreement to become a mentor, if at all possible.)
4. Commit to help your apprentice answer any questions they may have about God's direction in his/her life, listening carefully and only giving advice you believe to be Spirit-led.
5. Commit to challenge your apprentice to grow and mature spiritually, relationally, professionally, academically, etc., presenting scripture for study on suggested topics and sharing related personal testimony.
6. To hold your apprentice accountable for commitments they make.
7. To direct mentorship meetings, making sure all steps are given the appropriate amount of attention and meetings occur at regular, consistent intervals.

SUGGESTED MEETING TOPICS

Before your first meeting, go over this list of suggested topics with your apprentice. Together, choose the six that you and your apprentice feel are most important for you to cover in your time together. You may want to combine more than one topic per meeting, if you feel you will have time to cover more than one topic per meeting. If the apprentice shows an interest or need in another area, you may tailor your topic choice to fit his/her needs.

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| 1. PERSONAL EVANGELISM | 7. LISTENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT |
| 2. ACCOUNTABILITY | 8. FINDING THE WILL OF GOD |
| 3. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES | 9. PROFESSIONAL GROWTH |
| 4. SERVICE WITHIN THE LOCAL CHURCH BODY | 10. ACHIEVING BALANCE |
| 5. MAINTAINING SPIRITUAL FERVOR AND ZEAL | 11. INTEGRITY |
| 6. CHALLENGES IN PURSUING PERSONAL MINISTRY | 12. HUMILITY |
| | 13. OVERCOMING DOUBT |
| | 14. MAINTAINING GODLY PRIORITIES |

PREPARING FOR MEETINGS

1. Research the topic you are going to cover. Try to use resources that your apprentice can have access to.
2. Find scripture on the selected topic you can present to and study with your apprentice.
3. Prepare a personal testimony on the selected topic to share with your apprentice.
4. Look over list of suggested questions for each meeting.

MEETING OUTLINES

Please use the provided discussion questions as much as possible while still allowing your apprentice to ask questions that may be weighing heavy on his/her heart. The questions provided parallel the Bible Study that your apprentice has been working through on the Discovery CD given to him/her following his/her decision to surrender to God's call. You may want to familiarize yourself with the Discovery.

THE ANATOMY OF A MEETING

1. General discussion (catch up on life events, etc.)
 2. Prayer
 3. Review of any assignments given during a previous meeting and the Mentoring Accountability Form completed by your apprentice.
 4. Presentation of the meeting topic, Bible study and testimony
 5. Discussion of meeting questions (provided on The Discovery CD in the Mentor Section)
 6. Assignment of homework (if any)
 7. Prayer
 8. Schedule next meeting
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