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Discipleship Year

Starting: 16th September 2024

VISION

‘Call to me and I will answer and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

Jeremiah 33:3

‘We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.’

Psalms 33:20-21

Why have we chosen the name 33? In this year we want to provide our interns with the opportunity to grow deeper with the Lord and stand firm in His promises. In the Hebrew language, the number 33 is the numerical equivalent of ‘Amen.’

This discipleship year is a great opportunity to combine the practices of theological study, growing deeper with God, & serving your church and community. Although committing a year may seem like a big ask, when you invest a year to allow God to teach & grow you, He moves!

To do this we have three core areas we focus on.

OVERVIEW

UP: our relationship with Jesus. We will spend time in the Bible, receiving theological teaching from Leeds School of Theology (LSOT) and discussing as a group.

- Theological Training: 2x a month
- Christianity in a Secular World (topics range from Tithing, how to be Jesus in the workplace, relationships, etc): 1x a month
- Dinner, Worship, & Prayer Night 1x a month*

*Each of these will take place on Monday nights.

IN: being in community together and doing life together. We will all be investing in each other while others are investing in us. Everyone is required to be a part of the community (or small group) that makes the most sense for them.

- Be in a Community: 1x a week or Biweekly depending
- Weekend Away in the Fall: 1x a year
- Mentorship: Min. 1x a month

OUT: serving our community and church should be an important part of every person's life. A ministry internship allows you to focus on the areas that you feel God calling you into and that you have gifts in. There is a wide range of opportunities available.

- Internship within Ministry Roles: Min. 3 hours a week but we would love to have you for more if you'd like!
- Mission Trip: 1x a year

All of this roughly equates to about 8-10 hours a week (excluding the week-long mission trip!) We understand this may seem like a lot! However, this internship year is NOT just for those looking to take a gap year. You are able to commit to this year AND be a full-time student or work a full-time job.

WHO IS THIS YEAR FOR?

Target Age: 18-35

This year is for anyone who wants to grow closer to the Lord and be discipled. Although we do have a target age, we also see value in including a variety of ages of people desiring a deeper relationship with the Lord. Don't discount yourself, we'd still love to hear from you.

LifeStage:

We have specifically curated this year to be accessible to people who are working full-time and/or a full-time student. Although we understand that a year is a big commitment, it is still feasible to do alongside your regular life rhythms.

EXPECTATIONS

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM US?

1. Biblical & Theological Teaching
2. Biblical Life-Skills
3. Discipleship & Mentorship
4. Community
5. Hands-on experience through outreach & mission.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM YOU?

1. Your yes is yes.
 - a. When you sign up to do this program, we expect you to fully commit and continue to be a part of it for the entire year. We get that sometimes life happens and you occasionally won't be able to make it to a Monday night. However, this shouldn't be a regular occurrence.
2. You are a part of a community that meets regularly.
3. You are an intern for a minimum of 3 hours a week for one of our ministry areas listed below.
4. You attend theology class and come ready to discuss each time!
5. You regularly meet with your mentor.
6. You attend church on Sundays (some interns may serve on Sundays as well depending on the internship and that's great!)

THE DETAILS

Monday Nights

Every Monday night will look different but will always include a meal so that we can spend time together and enjoy each other's company.

Theology Training

We will be gathering twice a month (following academic calendar) together at Philly (aka St. Thomas Philadelphia) and join a zoom call together to participate in 'Leeds School of Theology night school.' LSoT is a fantastic training organization that delivers high quality material from a variety of professors. This will be a great tool for us to be able to have discussions and learn together. This will be from 6:30-9:30pm.

For more information please use the link below:

<https://leeds-school-of-theology.org/nightschool/>

'Christianity in the Secular World' Workshops

Once a month we will gather to learn and develop Biblically founded skills and tools.

Topics will include things like: "How do I talk about God in my workplace?", "How do I disciple people?", "How do I know the gifts God has given me?", "What does the Bible say about money?" and more. This will be from 6:30-8:30pm.

Prayer & Worship Night

Once a month we will spend a night together in worship and prayer. This will look differently each month but will always include dinner, worship, and prayer elements. This will be from 6:30-8:30pm.

Internship

As part of 33, every intern will commit to being a part of a specific ministry within NCS or FCT. Options include but are not limited to:

- Foodbank
 - This could look like supporting during Foodbank sessions, helping to pick up and drop off food, organizing the Foodbank warehouse, and more.
- Forge Youth
 - This could look like helping organize and plan youth groups with leaders, helping to run sessions during the week, and more.
- Communications & Social Media
 - This could look like supporting our communications lead with managing social media accounts, maintaining the website, and more.
- Philly Youth & Students
 - This could look like helping run our younger youth (11-14) group Rooted on Sunday mornings, our older youth (14-18) group Refined on Sunday evenings, helping to plan sessions prior to the weekend, helping with events, and more.
- Philly Kids
 - This could look like helping to run our Sunday kids group, helping to plan the sessions, clarifying and supporting the kids vision, and more.
- Playtime at Philly
 - This could look like helping run the Playtime sessions during the week, helping to set up and clean up before and after sessions, plan the sessions, and more.
- Worship
 - This could look like helping to run the AV booth, playing an instrument or singing on Sundays, helping our worship leader with logistics, and more.

Autumn Weekend Away

At the start of 33, we will go on a weekend retreat (Friday evening-Sunday morning) together in the Peak District. The purpose of this retreat is to get to know one another and spend the weekend in God's presence.

There will be lots of team-building games, walks, and food!

Date will be sent upon acceptance into the program!

Mission Trip

Toward the end of the year, we will travel (possibly overseas) for a week-long mission trip. Going away and serving alongside our christian brothers and sisters in another country is immensely powerful. This trip will be an opportunity to put what we've learnt over the internship into practice and to continue growing individually into who God has called us to be.

There will be times to step outside your comfort zone, worship together, get stuck in, and further God's kingdom while we do all of that. It is going to be great!

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

What is covered?

1. Dinners on the Monday nights that we meet.
2. Theology classes at Leeds School of Theology for the duration of the year.
3. Autumn weekend away- lodging, transportation, & food.
4. Deposit to your Mission Trip (total amount to fundraise being £500).
 1. We will help you to fundraise and give tips about fundraising, not to worry!

The total cost breakdown:

- Dinners, snacks, & drinks for the year: £150
- Theology: £150 a year
- Weekend Away: £100
- Deposit for Mission Trip: £100
- Admin and Staffing Cost: £200

PAYMENT PLANS

You can choose to pay £700 upfront or you can pay in 3 installments.

September 2nd 2024: £250

January 6th 2025: £250

May 5th 2025: £200

WHERE DO I SIGN UP?

If you're interested in applying or to hear more, please email hylanddill@ncsheffield.org. Along with filling out an application form, you will be directed to list two references- one of whom can be a family member. Both references should be able to speak on your skill sets, where you are spiritually, and be able to say why they feel you're a good fit for this internship.

Don't worry if you don't have much or any experience in ministry, this is your time to learn!