There are several levels in which to participate in this Ministry Training Course

Level 1: Classroom Training Track

Simply come to the meetings and listen to the teaching and classroom interaction.

Level 2: Ministry Training Track

In addition to the classroom, you can go deeper by doing the scheduled readings from selected books and articles. These readings are designed to take what we are learning in the classroom and work it deeper into your life. These include:

- Nelson’s Book of Bible Maps & Charts
- The Westminster Confession of Faith (online)
- The Westminster Shorter Catechism
- How People Change Study Guide (an alternative to the study guide could be simply to read the book, How People Change).

Level 3: Leadership Training Track

This track is especially designed for those who have been nominated as elders.

In addition to the Classroom Training Track and the Ministry Training Track, there is a Leadership Training Track with additional assigned readings. Of course, anyone can do these additional readings.

- The Westminster Larger Catechism
- Finding Faithful Elders & Deacons
- Proof: Finding Freedom in the Intoxicating Joy of God’s Irresistible Grace
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Session 1

Class Time (2.5 hours)

- 6:00-6:30pm - Scripture: “Story Formed People”
- 6:30-7:15pm - Theology: “Revelation & Scripture”
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:30-8:15pm - Practical Ministry Training: “Foundations - How People Change”
- 8:15-8:30pm - Living It Out: “Ambassadors for Christ”

Homework: Ministry Training Track (~2 hours)

☐ Read *Nelson’s Book of Bible Maps & Charts*, pp. 1-45 (Genesis-Leviticus)
☐ Read *How People Change SG*, ch. 4, “Life as God Sees It; Change as God Does It”, pp. 39-56
☐ Read *Westminster Confession of Faith*, chs. 1-3
☐ Read *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Q&A 1-10
☐ Read “What Does It Mean To Know God” article by Tim Keller // http://goo.gl/vMecBs

Homework: Elder Training Track (~ 1 hour)

In addition to the Ministry Track Reading…

☐ Read *Finding Faithful Elders & Deacons*, chs. 7-9, pp. 47-60
☐ Read *Westminster Larger Catechism*, Q&A 1-17

Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time…

☐ Read *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 1-11
☐ Read “Reading the Bible as One Story” article by Michael Goheen // http://goo.gl/qzWlhU
☐ Watch “The Church: So Many Unproductive People” by Paul Tripp // https://vimeo.com/111658307
☐ Read “A New Kind of Urban Christian” article by Tim Keller // http://goo.gl/Jjph3i
☐ Read “A New Kind of Urban Ministry” article by Andy Crouch // http://goo.gl/VWmv4
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Session 2:

Class Time (2.5 hours)

- 6:00-6:30pm - Scripture: “The Big Picture: Creation to New Creation”
- 6:30-7:15pm - Theology: “Theology Proper - God”
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:30-8:15pm - Practical Ministry Training: “Heat 1: The Real God in the Real World”
- 8:15-8:30pm - Living It Out: “Ambassadors for Christ”

Homework: Ministry Training Track (~2 hours)

☐ Read Nelson’s Book of Bible Maps & Charts, pp. 46-84 (Numbers-Ruth)
☐ Read How People Change SG, ch. 5, “Heat 1: The Real God in the Real World”, pp. 57-68
☐ Read Westminster Confession of Faith, chs. 4-6
☐ Read Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 11-20
☐ Read “The Story-Line of the Bible” article by Bartholomew & Goheen // http://goo.gl/D5LNC2

Homework: Elder Training Track (~1 hour)

In addition to the Ministry Track Reading…

☐ Read Finding Faithful Elders & Deacons, chs. 10-12, pp. 61-76
☐ Read Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 18-33
☐ Read PCA Creation Study Committee // http://goo.gl/e3H7G6

Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time...

☐ Read Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 12-23
☐ Watch “Gospel Fluency, Part 1” by Jeff Vanderstede // http://goo.gl/vkNTEx (~ 1 hr 5 min)
☐ Read “An Ichthus in a Sea of Loan Sharks” by Amy Sherman // http://goo.gl/95iUr0
☐ Read “PCA Creation Study Committee” // http://goo.gl/e3H7G6
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Session 3

Class Time (2.5 hours)

- 6:00-6:30pm - Scripture: “Bible Study Basics: OIA”
- 6:30-7:15pm - Theology: “Christology”
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:30-8:15pm - Practical Ministry Training: “Heat 2: The Real You in the Real World”
- 8:15-8:30pm - Living It Out: “Personal Testimony”

Homework: Ministry Training Track (~2 hours)

☐ Read Nelson’s Book of Bible Maps & Charts, pp. 85-138 (1 Samuel-2 Kings)
☐ Read How People Change SG, ch. 6, “Heat 2: The Real You in the Real World”, pp. 69-78
☐ Read Westminster Confession of Faith, chs. 7-9
☐ Read Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 21-30
☐ Read “The Gospel in All It's Forms” article by Tim Keller // http://goo.gl/YvI9FS

Homework: Elder Training Track (~1 hour)

In addition to the Ministry Track Reading…

☐ Read Finding Faithful Elders & Deacons, chs. 13-15, pp. 77-94
☐ Read Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 34-50

Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time…

☐ Read Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 24-34
☐ Watch “Gospel Fluency, Part 2” by Jeff Vanderstede // http://goo.gl/mMkrMT (~1 hr 20 min)
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Session 4

Class Time (2.5 hours)

- 6:00-6:30pm - Scripture: “Case Study 1: Psalm 23 - Observation”
- 6:30-7:15pm - Theology: “Covenant Theology & Union With Christ”
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:30-8:15pm - Practical Ministry Training: “Thorns 1: What Entangles You?”
- 8:15-8:30pm - Living It Out: “Strategic Prayer for the Lost”

Homework: Ministry Training Track (~2 hours)

☐ Read Nelson’s Book of Bible Maps & Charts, pp. 139-180 (1 Chronicles-Psalms)
☐ Read Westminster Confession of Faith, chs. 10-12
☐ Read Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 31-38
☐ Read “Gospel-Centered Ministry” article by Tim Keller // http://goo.gl/NB8DXe
☐ Read “Wondered Into Anyone’s Heart Lately?” by Doug Pollock // http://goo.gl/qlgdIQ

Homework: Elder Training Track (~1 hour)

In addition to the Ministry Track Reading…

☐ Read Finding Faithful Elders & Deacons, chs. 16-18, pp. 95-109
☐ Read Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 51-69

Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time…

☐ Read Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 35-44
☐ Watch “Gospel Fluency, Part 3” by Jeff Vanderstede // http://goo.gl/qR5RLb (~58 min)
☐ Watch “Yes, I’m the Mechanic” by Nathan Clarke // http://goo.gl/8hqZA7
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**Session 5**

**Class Time (2.5 hours)**

- 6:00-6:30pm - Scripture: “Case Study 1: Psalm 23 - Interpretation”
- 6:30-7:15pm - Theology: “Chosen & Called”
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:30-8:15pm - Practical Ministry Training: “Why Do You Get Entangled?”
- 8:15-8:30pm - Living It Out: “Article Discussion: ‘Wondered’ Into Anyone’s Heart Lately?”

**Homework: Ministry Training Track (~2 hours)**

- Read *Nelson’s Book of Bible Maps & Charts*, pp. 181-217 (Proverbs-Lamentations)
- Read *Westminster Confession of Faith*, chs. 13-15
- Read *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Q&A 39-48
- Read “Mission as the Key to Unlocking the Grand Story of the Bible” by Michael Goheen // [http://goo.gl/MN8Fkr](http://goo.gl/MN8Fkr)

**Homework: Elder Training Track (~1 hour)**

- Read *Finding Faithful Elders & Deacons*, chs. 19-21, pp. 111-126
- Read *Westminster Larger Catechism*, Q&A 70-85

**Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time…**

- Read *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 45-53
- Watch “Gospel Fluency, Part 4” by Jeff Vanderstedt // [http://goo.gl/6stkkA](http://goo.gl/6stkkA) (~1 hr 6 min)
- Read “Where Portland Church Planters Fear to Tread” by Brandon Rhodes // [http://goo.gl/0tYKx6](http://goo.gl/0tYKx6)
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Session 6

Class Time (2.5 hours)

- 6:00-6:30pm - Scripture: “Case Study 1: Psalm 23 - Application”
- 6:30-7:15pm - Theology: “Justified & Adopted”
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:30-8:15pm - Practical Ministry Training: “Cross 1: New Identity & New Potential”
- 8:15-8:30pm - Living It Out: “Questioning Evangelism”

Homework: Ministry Training Track (~2 hours)

☐ Read Nelson’s Book of Bible Maps & Charts, pp. 218-256 (Ezekiel-Micah)
☐ Read Westminster Confession of Faith, chs. 16-18
☐ Read Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 49-62
☐ Read “The 5 Thresholds of Postmodern Conversion” article // http://goo.gl/gGk3at

Homework: Elder Training Track (~1 hour)

In addition to the Ministry Track Reading…

☐ Read Finding Faithful Elders & Deacons, chs. 22-24, pp. 127-140
☐ Read Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 86-102
☐ Read “A Biblical Theology of the City” article by Tim Keller (handout)

Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time…

☐ Read Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54-64
☐ Watch “Gospel Fluency, Part 5” by Jeff Vanderstede // http://goo.gl/vzlVUv (~37 min)
☐ Read “Rethinking the $3000 Mission Trip” by Doug Banister // http://goo.gl/G1cBaC
Class Time (2.5 hours)

- 6:00-6:30pm - Scripture: “Case Study 2 - James 1:2-4 - Observation”
- 6:30-7:15pm - Theology: “Sanctification & the Spirit”
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:30-8:15pm - Practical Ministry Training: “Cross 2: The Cross & Daily Living”
- 8:15-8:30pm - Living It Out: “Evangelism Threshold #1”

Homework: Ministry Training Track (~2 hours)

☐ Read Nelson’s Book of Bible Maps & Charts, pp. 257-299 (Nahum-“The Four Gospels)
☐ Read How People Change SG, ch. 10 “Cross 2: The Cross & Daily Living”, pp. 119-132
☐ Read Westminster Confession of Faith, chs. 19-21
☐ Read Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 63-72
☐ Read “Ministry in the New Global Culture of Major City Centers (Part 1)” article by Tim Keller (handout)

Homework: Elder Training Track (~1 hour)

In addition to the Ministry Track Reading…
☐ Read Finding Faithful Elders & Deacons, chs. 25-27, pp. 141-154
☐ Read Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 103-121

Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time…

☐ Read Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 65-77
☐ Watch “Characteristics of a Missional Church” by Tim Keller (~ 5 min) // http://goo.gl/0koQaF
☐ Watch “Missional vs. Seeker Churches” by Tim Keller (~2 min) // http://goo.gl/Gnikro
☐ Watch “Missional vs. Evangelistic Churches” by Tim Keller (~1.5 min) // http://goo.gl/PcVdJS
☐ Watch “The Gospel, Moralism, & Irreligion” by Tim Keller (~ 2 min) // http://goo.gl/Typ3gE
☐ Read “Gardening to Make Beauty Out of Blight” by Nathan Clarke // http://goo.gl/lkhbgA
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Session 8

Class Time (2.5 hours)

- 6:00-6:30pm - Scripture: “Case Study 2 - James 1:2-4 - Interpretation"
- 6:30-7:15pm - Theology: “Perseverance & Preservation”
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:30-8:15pm - Practical Ministry Training: “Fruit: Real Heart Change & New Fruit”
- 8:15-8:30pm - Living It Out: “Evangelism Threshold #2”

Homework: Ministry Training Track (~2 hours)

- Read Nelson’s Book of Bible Maps & Charts, pp. 300-343 (Matthew-John)
- Read How People Change SG, ch. 11, “Fruit 1: Real Heart Change”, pp. 133-146
- Read Westminster Confession of Faith, chs. 22-24
- Read Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 73-81
- Read “Ministry in the New Global Culture of Major City Centers (Part 2)” article by Tim Keller (handout)

Homework: Elder Training Track (~1 hour)

In addition to the Ministry Track Reading…

- Read Finding Faithful Elders & Deacons, chs. 28—“Sample Elder Ordination Vows”, pp. 155-163
- Read Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 122-136

Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time…

- Read Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 78-87
- Read “Faith in a Fallen Empire” by Katelyn Beaty // http://goo.gl/ANelXx
Class Time (2.5 hours)

- 6:00-6:30pm - Scripture: “Case Study 2 - James 1:2-4 - Application”
- 6:30-7:15pm - Theology: “The Church”
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:30-8:15pm - Practical Ministry Training: “Case Study #1: Sexual Brokenness”
- 8:15-8:30pm - Living It Out: “Evangelism Threshold #3”

Homework: Ministry Training Track (~2 hours)

☐ Read Nelson’s Book of Bible Maps & Charts, pp. 344-385 (Acts-Galatians)
☐ Read How People Change SG, ch. 12, “Fruit 2: New & Surprising Fruit, “pp. 147-165
☐ Read Westminster Confession of Faith, chs. 25-27
☐ Read Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 82-90
☐ Read “Ministry in the New Global Culture of Major City Centers (Part 3)” article by Tim Keller (handout)

Homework: Elder Training Track (~1 hour)

In addition to the Ministry Track Reading...

☐ Read Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 137-152
☐ Read Proof: Finding Freedom in the Intoxicating Joy of Irresistible Grace, App 1-5, pp. 147-170
☐ Read “Thoughts on Weekly Communion” by John Ferguson // http://goo.gl/dlR0fx

Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time...

☐ Read Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 88-98
☐ Watch “The Nowism of the Gospel & Parenting” by Paul Tripp // https://vimeo.com/111661757 (~54 min)
☐ Read “Here’s to the Misfits” by Andy Crouch // http://goo.gl/tlt29k
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Session 10

Class Time (2.5 hours)

- 6:00-6:30pm - Scripture: “Eat This Book”
- 6:30-7:15pm - Theology: “Worship & The Lord’s Table”
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:30-8:15pm - Practical Ministry Training: “Case Study #2: Anxiety”
- 8:15-8:30pm - Living It Out: “Evangelism Threshold #4”

Homework: Ministry Training Track (~2 hours)

- Read Nelson’s Book of Bible Maps & Charts, pp. 386-422 (Ephesians-Hebrews)
- Read Westminster Confession of Faith, chs. 28-30
- Read Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 91-97
- Read “Ministry in the New Global Culture of Major City Centers (Part 4)” article by Tim Keller (handout)

Homework: Elder Training Track (~1 hour)

In addition to the Ministry Track Reading…

- Read Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 153-167
- Read “Covenant Baptism Part 1 (Adult Baptism)” by John Ferguson (handout)

Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time…

- Read Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 99-109
- Read “Daddy, Why Do People Steal From Us?” by Peter Chin // [http://goo.gl/HITSyb](http://goo.gl/HITSyb)
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Session 11

Class Time (2.5 hours)

- 6:00-6:30pm - Scripture: “Scripture & Meditation”
- 6:30-7:15pm - Theology: “Covenant Baptism (Adult Converts)”
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:30-8:15pm - Practical Ministry Training: “Case Study #3: Depression”
- 8:15-8:30pm - Living It Out: “Evangelism Threshold #5”

Homework: Ministry Training Track (~2 hours)

☐ Read Nelson’s *Book of Bible Maps & Charts*, pp. 423-456 (James-Revelation)
☐ Read *Westminster Confession of Faith*, chs. 31-33
☐ Read *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Q&A 98-107
☐ Read “Why Plant Churches” article by Tim Keller // http://goo.gl/salqsH

Homework: Elder Training Track (~ 1 hour)

In addition to the Ministry Track Reading…

☐ Read *Westminster Larger Catechism*, Q&A 168-186
☐ Read “A Journey Home” article by Randy Booth // http://goo.gl/ptpdW8
☐ Read “Covenant Baptism Part 2 (Child Baptism)” article by John Ferguson (handout)

Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time...

☐ Read *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 110-119
☐ Watch “The Essential Ministry of the Body of Christ” by Paul Tripp // https://vimeo.com/113625967 (~ 56 min)
☐ Watch “Furniture Fit for the Kingdom” by Nathan Clarke // http://goo.gl/RsRJiv
Class Time (2.5 hours)

- 6:00-6:30pm - Scripture: “Scripture & Prayer”
- 6:30-7:15pm - Theology: “Covenant Baptism (Children of Believers)”
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:30-8:15pm - Practical Ministry Training: “Change is a Community Project”
- 8:15-8:30pm - Living It Out: “Hospitality & Intentionality”

Homework: Ministry Training Track (~2 hours)

☐ Read Nelson’s Book of Bible Maps & Charts, pp. 423-456 (James-Revelation)
☐ Read How People Change SG, ch. 3, “Change is a Community Project”, pp. 29-38
☐ Read “Aiming at Shalom: The Church’s Mission of Justice & Mercy” by Rich Lusk (handout)

Homework: Elder Training Track (~ 1 hour)

In addition to the Ministry Track Reading…
☐ Read Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 187-196
☐ Read “What’s so Great about the PCA?” article by Tim Keller
☐ Read “Covenant Baptism Part 3 (The Mode of Baptism)” article by John Ferguson (handout)

Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time…

☐ Read Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 120-129
☐ Watch “Self-Examination Is A Community Project” by Paul Tripp // https://vimeo.com/113624356 (~ 50 min)
☐ Read “Taking the Salon to the Homeless” // http://goo.gl/3aWrN9
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Session 13

Class Time (2.5 hours)

- 6:00-6:30pm - Why We Love the “Big-C” Church and the “small-C” church!
- 6:30-7:15pm - Elders & Deacons
- 7:15-7:30pm - Break
- 7:15-8:15pm - Church Government / PCA
- 8:15-8:30pm - Shepherding Appointments

Homework: Elder Training Track (~1 hour)

☐ Read “Next Steps in Selection of Elders” by John Ferguson (handout)
☐ Read “The Case for Commissioning (Not Ordaining) Deaconesses” by Tim Keller // http://goo.gl/3Yn7Hp

Bonus Material: Optional great stuff if you have the time…

☐ Read “Women, Ministry, & Redeemer” by Tim Keller (handout)
☐ Read “The Case for our Current Policy on Female Deacons” by Ligon Duncan // http://goo.gl/g6Se3e