

FIRST Training

Training for emerging leaders: Curriculum **Year 1** & **Year 2**

I. Leadership Dynamics

- The Call to Lead: What is a call, how do we know God is calling us and why is it important?
- Leading where you are: Identifying ways in which we can start to exercise leadership now.
- The Qualities of a Christian Leader: The attributes needed to be effective as a leader
- The Challenges of Leadership: Coping with common challenges that come with leadership, in particular criticism and discipline.

II. Leadership Skills

- Leading ourselves: Developing the self-discipline and personal management skills necessary to be an effective leader
- Learning to listen: The importance of really listening to young people and the skills necessary to do it well.
- Organising events: Guidelines for planning, running and assessing effective activities.
- Asking questions: Knowing how to encourage those we lead to open up about their life and problems.

III. Self Awareness

- Discovering your gifts: Finding areas where God has gifted us and ways we can use those gifts in youth ministry.
- Personal wholeness: Identifying the areas of our lives we need God to be working in in order to make us whole.
- Understanding your personality: Understand the way that God has “wired” each of us and learn to appreciate who we each are.
- Personal pitfalls: Identifying the factors most likely to cause us to give up on leadership and even on our faith, as well as strategies to overcome these pitfalls.

IV. Personal devotion

- Studying the Bible: Principles and suggestions for personal Bible reading and study.
- Learning to Pray: Guidelines for developing an effective personal prayer life
- Evangelism: Knowing the gospel and developing a lifestyle through which we share it sensitively and effectively with others through what we say and do
- Hearing God’s voice: How to listen for God and recognise when He’s speaking to us and guiding us.