

Mentor Program Description

Why: “Mentoring” is one way of describing the important biblically-based concept of learning from one another. Often it is demonstrated when those who are more mature in the faith or in experience teach or encourage those less mature or experienced. For example, Paul mentored Timothy and issued the following instructions to continue this process in *2 Timothy 2:1-2*:

“Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”(*2 Timothy 2:1-2*)

Likewise, aged women are encouraged to teach young women in Titus:

“That they (aged women) may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,”(*Titus 2:4*)

What: Mentoring will take numerous forms within a church body. Two areas where mentoring is often utilized are with new converts and newly married couples. When these groups of individuals meet periodically with mentors, certain important topics can be discussed proactively, such as:

New Converts

- How does a new Christian establish healthy and consistent prayer and Scripture time to encourage continued spiritual growth?
- What are important relationship necessities and boundaries for a young Christian?
- How does a Christian remain pure in heart, mind, and body in today’s culture?
- How does a Christian make decisions, large and small, in life using biblically sound principles?

Newly Married Couples

- How does a newly married couple establish a Christian home which is an honor to God?
- What communication pitfalls can be avoided as couples learn to interact with each other on a deeper level?
- How does a couple properly balance relationships with each other, each other’s families, and each other’s friend groups?
- What are some financial strategies and warnings for couples who are learning to operate as a team?

How: Options of potential mentors can be provided, which will allow a mentee a choice in determining who their mentor might be. Mentor and mentee would then determine meeting times, frequency of commitment, specific questions or areas to discuss, and other such variables. Once established, the mentoring relationship will offer the opportunity for accountability and growth for both mentor and mentee as they encourage each other through life.

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