

# CrossTrain Church Training Model

Below are the three levels we have in place to make disciple-makers

## LEVEL 1 — D-Groups (Discipleship Groups)

### The Purpose:

***This is basic nutrition for your training.*** You cannot train effectively if you are not feeding on the right things. Discipleship (D)–Groups are designed to help solidify in you the single most important skill of a disciple of Christ — the ability to not only READ but also REFLECT on and RESPOND to the Word of God as you press into Jesus. We believe these ‘meals’ are seasoned best in community.

### The Intended Audience:

EVERYONE of us! All the time! We believe that everyone should be participating in a D-Group; and should desire to lead a group of your own once you have finished a group.

### The Content:

*The Daily Readings*      *The Gospel of Matthew*  
*The Old Testament*      *The New Testament*  
Other reading plans as needed

### The Setting:

This will be participant driven. D–Groups are simply groups of people committed to reading and responding to the the same passages of scripture each day for mutual edification, accountability and spiritual growth. You will spend time memorizing scripture together, praying for one another, and asking each other what the Holy Spirit revealed to you in the readings in the Word each week. Groups can look very different and can gather in a variety of settings.

## LEVEL 2 — Foundations

### The Purpose:

***This is endurance training.*** This is designed to help participants understand the basics of what they believe and why it matters. It will greatly increase your understanding of scripture and teach you how to share with others what the Bible says about the foundations of the Christian faith. It will give you the long view of our forever life and help strengthen your faith-walk.

### The Intended Audience:

EVERYONE! But not all the time. We believe that once you have established the discipline of reading and responding to God's Word everyday (D-Groups) you will want to know more about what the Word says about certain things in your life and world.

*The prerequisite for Foundations is that you are successfully participating in a D-Group*

### The Content:

*The Foundations Tool Kit*

We will use the selected sections of the Foundations Tool Kit as an introduction to theological and doctrinal ideas that shape our faith as Christians from an apologetics perspective. The Tool Kit contains almost 400 passages from God's Word organized into 19 different topics covering everything from 'The Gospel of Grace' and 'Renewing Your Mind' to 'Spiritual Warfare' and 'Marriage & Family'. These will be presented in an apologetics framework for discussion time.

### The Setting:

This will be leader-driven but discussion focused. The leader will share insights into each topic to help generate discussion. Participants will come ready to share what the Spirit revealed to them in their readings and how it relates the the theological and doctrinal topics being addressed. Questions from the Foundations Tool Kit will be discussed. Outside readings from the Suggested Reading/Continued Study in the Tool Kit, as well as other resources, will be used.

## LEVEL 3 — Training Center Courses

### The Purpose:

***This is intense training.*** The variety of subjects and experiences are intentionally sequenced to intensely train people in the Word of God so that they can be fully equipped for the work of the mission to make disciples and plant churches. It is intended to prepare the participants to not only lead, but train others to lead as well. The information being presented is meant to be transformational and applied in a community context. And it is presented in a way that will consistently point people back to Christ as our one true leader.

### The Intended Audience:

This is open to men and women of any age who want to grow in their ability to lead others in the Word of God and their walk with Christ. As the the ‘cap-stone’ of our training model, it will prepare you to lead your family, groups, ministries and churches. You will be fully equipped as a disciple-maker | church planter— not only as a student, but a teacher, of the Word of God.

*The prerequisites for the Training Center Courses are that the participant is successfully participating in discipleship so that they can bring benefit to the 'D-Group setting' in which they are actively engaged.*

### The Content:

[Each course in the sequence is a semester (10-14 weeks) in length]  
Survey of the Old Testament      Survey of the New Testament  
Practical (Systematic) Theology      Practical Shepherding  
Biblical Theology and the Kingdom of God      Preaching and Teaching  
Electives as needed

## The Setting: (Training Center Continued)

This is instructor-led. These courses are a rigorous course of study demanding a minimum of 4-6 hours of work each week. The class time will be mostly lecture and Q & A in nature. There is substantial reading and memorization involved. Test, quizzes, and short papers are a regular part of the program. Resources will be shared that will be useful for years of multiplying ministry.

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We believe the **Spirit of God** uses the **Word of God** to transform the **People of God** and unite the **Family of God** into the image of the **Son of God** so that we might reveal the **glory of God** to see people come into the **Kingdom of God**.

## Our calling as disciples of Christ in CrossTrain

Here are the **5 pillars** we see as essential to being a mature trainer:

**Word Centered** — Reading - Reflecting - Responding to the Word of God daily

**Prayer Directed** — Praying and Fasting as a regular habit of life

**Discipleship Driven** — Walking in Word-centered relationships

**Service Oriented** — Serving as God's gathered people

**Mission Focused** — Engaged the mission to make disciples and plant churches

## Our commitment at CrossTrain Church

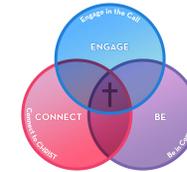
**Create the space** (*setting | structure*) that can be used to facilitate discipleship training

**Foster the Gospel-Community** that shows and shares the presence of Christ

**Provide the leadership shepherding** that is sacrificial, service oriented and shapes hearts



## TRAINING PROGRAM



### MISSION:

**CrossTrain exists to spread the gospel by training people to teach God's truth in the context of redemptive community.**

### VISION:

**We accomplish the mission through relationship!**

Love God = **Connect** to Christ

Love People = **Be** in Community

Make Disciples = **Engage** in the Call

Plant Churches = **Expand** the Kingdom

### VALUES:

**The two things we value most in walking with others as we walk with Christ are:**

- 1. The WORD of God** as the primary redemptive power to guide the souls of people.
- 2. The FAMILY of God** (or church) as the primary redemptive plan for the world.