

GROWING LEADERS COURSE OUTLINE

Invitation	April-May	Personal invitations to potential participants.
EXPLORATORY SESSION	June or July	A relaxed introduction to Growing Leaders (BBQ?) with an explanation of its aims and how it works, and an invitation to consider taking part.
Project 1	July-August	Complete leadership styles questionnaire using Project 1 handout.
Part 1: Firm Foundations for Christian Leadership		
SESSION 1	September 24 hours away	INTRODUCTION: LEADERSHIP MATTERS In this opening session we define leadership, identify the distinctives of Christian leadership, and focus on participants' leadership styles.
See mentor	September	Getting to know one another and establishing parameters of meeting.
SESSION 2	October	ESTABLISHING IDENTITY Christian leadership is rooted in our relationship with God. This session explores the basis of that relationship (God chose us/grace) and the priority of spiritual disciplines in the leader's life.
Project 2	October	Complete spiritual health check using the Project 2 handouts.
See mentor	October	Reflect on session 2, the spiritual health check and spiritual disciplines.
SESSION 3	November	CLARIFYING CALL Many Christian leaders struggle with how to use their time. This is an issue of call. We look at biblical principles for discerning God's call and identify a practical tool to help with this.
Project 3	Nov-Mar	Begin to develop personal life statement using the Project 3 handout.
See mentor	November	Reflect on session 3, personal life statement and issues of call.
SESSION 4	December	DEVELOPING CHARACTER The Bible places a clear emphasis on character issues as 'qualifications' for leadership. What are these qualities and how do we grow them?
See mentor	December	Explore character issues from session 4 and review Growing Leaders Part 1.
Part 2: Key Skills of Christian Leadership		
SESSION 5	January 24 hours away	DISCERNING DIRECTION Leadership is about going somewhere, but how do we know where? This day explores how we discern God's direction for a group and how to implement it.
See mentor	January	Reflect on session 5, review spiritual disciplines and personal life statement.
SESSION 6	February	DEVELOPING LEADERS Jesus developed leaders around him. Christian leaders will need to do the same. This session focuses on how we help others to grow as disciples and leaders.
See mentor	February	Reflect on session 6, review how Projects 2 and 3 are going.
Project 4	Feb-June	Developing another person as a leader using the Project 4 handouts.
SESSION 7	March	LEADING TOGETHER Leaders work with people, often in teams, groups or committees. We consider group needs, common dysfunctions of teams, and how to lead well together.
See mentor	March	Reflect on session 7, review Project 4 and Growing Leaders Part 2.
Part 3: Keeping Faithful in Christian Leadership		
SESSION 8	April	EMBRACING COST Too many people have unrealistic expectations of Christian leadership. We identify costs and how to handle them well.
See mentor	April	Reflect on session 8 and review spiritual disciplines.
SESSION 9	May	STAYING FRESH Leadership is a marathon not a sprint. How do we run a marathon well?
See mentor	May	Reflect on session 9, review Projects 3 and 4.
SESSION 10	June	CONTINUING WELL This is a celebration and commissioning event to end Growing Leaders.
See mentor	June-July	Reflect on session 10, review the whole course.