



*introducing the ministry papers

the papers...

introductory papers

the ministry training church*
meeting one-to-one*

small groups ministry

joining a small group*
leading a small group
coaching small group leaders

other ministries

creche ministry
kids church ministry
kids club ministry
primary school scripture
youth group ministry
high school lunchtime groups
university ministry
welcoming ministry*
follow-up ministry
music ministry*
audio ministry
preaching that connects*
kids talks*
leading church*
setup-pieces/drama
bible readings & prayers

family/household

christian households*
hospitality
marriage preparation
marriage enrichment
raising kids to follow Jesus*

personal evangelism

personal evangelism*
personal apologetics
introduction to cults
introduction to other religions

The list above indicates the scope of the MINISTRY PAPERS project. Papers presently available are marked with an asterisk (*).

Other papers are being developed on an ongoing basis. Apart from those listed above, many others are envisaged. Keep the www.ministrycentre.org.au website bookmarked and check for additions.

Welcome to the MINISTRY PAPERS. These ministry training papers have been developed in a local church context at Southern Cross Presbyterian Church Lismore in partnership with Presbyterian Youth. They aim to provide an integrated approach to training for the local church. The MINISTRY PAPERS present a training model that goes beyond events, to relationships. They aim to equip the whole local church in service of Christ and his gospel. Along with two introductory papers that explain the approach, there are specific papers ranging from small groups ministry to preaching and kids talks, from welcoming and music ministry to raising kids to follow Jesus. Here are some things you need to know about the MINISTRY PAPERS ...

* there are two papers you need to work through first, that explain the model: 'the ministry training church' and 'meeting one-to-one'.

* as explained in 'the ministry training church', all other MINISTRY PAPERS are clustered into four groups:

- small groups ministry
- special focus ministries (e.g. preaching, youth ministry)
- family/household
- personal evangelism

* the papers are in a standard format, with most designed to be printed as a double-sided A3 sheet. While containing significant content, the 'single piece of paper' makes the papers very accessible as an entry point to training.

* the papers include bible study, illustrations, stories, ideas for discussion, as well as recommended further resources. Some papers also have accompanying tools (e.g. with the kids talk paper, a kids talk feedback sheet).

* certain key bible passages about church and ministry appear throughout the papers (as well as some key ministry concepts). This repetition is intentional, as part of building an integrated mindset and approach to training and ministry.

* we have tried to achieve a balance between making the papers general enough to be transferable, but specific enough to show how they are used in one local church context. You will need to adapt them to your own situation.

* more papers will be added to the website on a regular basis. Existing papers will also be regularly updated. Feedback as we go is welcomed!

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