



**Theological Mentoring
Development Group
Intensive Training Modules:
thoughtworks Growth Seminars**

“To create visibility, contagion, and a love for learning”

A Suggested List of Courses: Fall and Spring Year One

Number	Course Content	Facilitator
1 ATF 2009	Preparing A Message	Don Rousu
2 BCF	Kingdom of God I (VBI), <i>Breakthrough</i> by Derek Morpew	Kurt Doerksen facilitating (Morpew PPT and Langley DVD)
3 PRF	<i>Great Moments in Genesis</i> (Seeking a Reasonable Hermeneutical Principle; Uncovering the Artistry of Super-Intelligence in the Text) (Cambridge: 100 – 200 people)	Wayne Thomas or Joel Mason
4 ONF	Jackson’s <i>Quest for the Radical Middle</i> and Wimber’s <i>Power Evangelism</i>	Tim Schultz or Gordie Lagore
5 ATS 2010	Building Healthy Teams: <i>The Five Dysfunctions of A Team</i> , Patrick Lencioni and <i>Juice</i> , Brady Wilson	Brady Wilson
6 BCS	“The Holy Spirit, Middle Management, and Your True Colours”	George and Janet Esser
7 PRS	Social Justice, Exercises in Developing Community Among the Poor	Beth Wood
8 ONS	Kingdom II, <i>Naturally Supernatural</i>	Gary Best

Key: 1ATF = Intensive #1, AT Region, Fall session
 2BCF = Intensive #2, BC Region, Fall Session
 7PRS = Intensive #7, PR Region, Spring Session, etc.

The intention is that each region would have one intensive each year that is more required and academic, related to our core curriculum, and a second intensive that is more elective and practical.

For example:

Kingdom of God I is followed by
 “The Holy Spirit, Middle Management, and Your True Colours”
 “Great Moments in Genesis” is followed by “Social Justice, Exercises in DCAP”

A Suggested List of Courses: Fall and Spring Years Two and Three

Number	Course Content	Facilitator
9 ATF 2010	Ancient Insights for Today (Apostolic Fathers, Life of Anthony, Gregory's Pastoral Rule, Bernard's on Loving God, Herbert's Poems, Bonhoeffer's Life Together)	Joel Mason
10 BCF	The Biblical Narrative: "Nothingsgonnastopit" (Bill Jackson)	Joe Kelder
11 PRF	"Biblical Interpretation in a Post-Modern Age"	Mark Taverner
12 ONF	George G. Hunter III's <i>The Celtic Way of Evangelism</i> with Randy Frazee's <i>The Connecting Church</i>	Don Rousu
13 ATS 2011	"Healing Through Symbol and Story"	Walter Thiessen
14 BCS	"The Hermeneutic of Apocalyptic"	Peter Davids
15 PRS	Kingdom Finances: Randy Alcorn's <i>Money, Possessions, and Eternity</i>	Don Rousu
16 ONS	"Let Missiology Drive Ecclesiology"	Charmaine Kelder

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1 ONF 2011	Preparing A Message	Don Rousu
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3 BCF	<i>Great Moments in Genesis</i> (Seeking a Reasonable Hermeneutical Principle; Uncovering the Artistry of Super-Intelligence in the Text) (Cambridge: 100 – 200 people)	Wayne Thomas or Joel Mason
4 PRF	Jackson's <i>Quest for the Radical Middle</i> and Wimber's <i>Power Evangelism</i>	Tim Schultz or Gordie Lagore
5 ONS 2012	Building Healthy Teams: <i>The Five Dysfunctions of A Team</i> , Patrick Lencioni and <i>Juice</i> , Brady Wilson	Brady Wilson
6 ATS	"The Holy Spirit, Middle Management, and Your True Colours"	George and Janet Esser
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Other possibilities that a region could choose to substitute for some of the above:

The Art and Craft of Worship – Dan Wilt, or Monique Tute
Ignatian Spiritual Formation – Lorna Jones
Listening Prayer – Lorna Jones, David Hamm
The Pauline Epistles – Peter Davids
Dallas Willard’s *Renovation of the Heart*
How to Think Theologically – Cathy Berry
How People Grow by Townsend & McCloud – John McCallum
“Rhythms of Work and Rest and Avoiding Burnout” – Judy Davids
Your Healthy Marriage – Vern and Sue Thompke or Walter Thiessen
Women’s Issues – Monique Tute
Jesus and the Kingdom – Peter Davids
Paul for Today – Peter Davids
Discipleship I58 – Flint McGlaughlin

Be creative! Design your own weekend intensive around topics of current interest.

The intensives generally offer the opportunity to engage in the first two years of our THOUGHTWORKS curriculum with an instructor in the environment of a learning community. The last two years of the THOUGHTWORKS curriculum generally require an investment of time in reading (e.g. church history) or instruction and practica (e.g. Christian counseling or pastoral care) that cannot fall within the scope of a weekend intensive.

Administrative Recommendations:

- 1) Seminars should be Friday evening, Saturday events (about 8 hours of contact time)
- 2) Each region designates approximately \$2000 a year to subsidize their two seminars, to be held at a centrally located church facility
- 3) Participants pay \$40 a seminar to audit, \$60 for a certificate of completion (requires the instructor to read and grade a paper, record the grade, and issue a certificate). We generally plan for a minimum of 10 students in each intensive. For small enrollments, the host church may need to subsidize.
- 4) Teachers to be given travel expenses and a minimum \$400 per seminar
- 5) Larger churches help with registration of people from smaller churches
- 6) Most seminars will require the reading of at least one book prior to the event and a written assignment either before or after, to be read and marked (Complete or Incomplete) by the teacher
- 7) Pastors are encouraged to come but all participation is strictly voluntary
- 8) People from the churches will be welcome, particularly those who are developing as leaders
- 9) When 12 of 16 seminars have been successfully completed, a Certificate in Ministry Studies will be awarded.

10) This certificate will help with equivalency status for those wishing to do a Master of Ministry degree at SSU (roughly 1 year's undergraduate credit if accompanied with substantial ministry experience)