

A.C.T.S. Center

2023-2024 Short Syllabus

Introduction: September 5th

Section 1: Strategy Development

Session 1 – September 12th – Demographics: How to build a bridge to the community.

Session 2 – September 19th – Mission/Vision/Core Values – Developing a Prospectus/Portfolio

Session 3 — September 26th – Evangelism/Discipleship Strategy/New Members Class

Session 4 — October 3rd – Conversations: How to share your personal testimony.

Session 5 — October 10th – I-Witness: How to pray for and share the Gospel with the lost.

Session 6 — October 17th – Spiritual Growth Matrix: How do I know I am growing spiritually?

Section 2: Pastoral Care Competencies

Session 1 – October 24th – Preaching Calendar

Session 2 — October 31st – Soul Care: Identity, Prayer, and Servanthood

Session 3 — November 7th – Dealing with Grief: Introduction to Power, Love, and Miracles

Session 4 — November 14th – Pastoral Counseling: When to refer, confidentiality, and child abuse.

Session 5 — December 5th – Planter/Pastor Wives

Session 6 — December 12th – Texas Baptists – Who are we?
Instructor-Tim Marrow

Section 3: Worship Experiences

Session 1 — January 2nd – Big Picture Thinking: How to keep focus by remembering:

- Everything speaks
- Every Sunday is someone's first Sunday
- Excellence must be the standard

How to handle church funds and requests for donations (Tithes and offerings)

Session 2 — January 9th – Understanding and Leading Worship: How to develop an order of service/How to keep music and sermon in harmony.

Session 3 — January 16th – Sermon Research and Biblical Interpretation: Hermeneutics

Session 4 — January 23rd – Sermon Lesson Application: Delivering a sermon with a point.

Session 5 — January 30th – Preaching for Vision Development

Session 6 — February 6th – How to preach funerals, weddings, the ordinances (Baptism and the Lord's Supper)

Section 4: Church Administration/Leadership Development

Session 1 — February 13th – Church Polity, Governance and Leadership Structure

Session 2 — February 20th – Administrative Leadership: Recruiting and building strong staff relationships and teams/How to maintain ongoing non-negotiable training and sharpening.

Session 3 — February 23rd -24th – Coaching Conference

Session 4 — March 5th – Managing Conflict and Resolution

Session 5 — March 12th – Financial Planning: Church budget/Monthly reports/Conducting business meetings.

Session 6 -- March 19th – Getting Things Done: Setting Realistic Goals/Long range planning and management.

Section 5: Core Group Development and Church Launch

Session 1 — April 2nd – Developing a Core Group/Essential Team Leaders

Session 2 — April 9th – Social Media and Website Building

Session 3 — April 16th – Ministry Safe Awareness

Session 4 — April 23rd – Church Constitution and Bylaws/Policy and Procedures manual

Session 5 — April 30th – The Successful Church Launch

Session 6 — May 7th – Finding Ministry Space/Managing after launch expectations.

Graduation: June 18th