

# Porterbrook Training Curriculum



## Stream: Doctrine

Year One		Year Two
<p><i>Term One</i>  <b>Church History</b>                      An overview of church history with a particular focus on mission and church planting.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The early church</li> <li>2. The Medieval period</li> <li>3. The Reformation</li> <li>4. The Anabaptists</li> <li>5. The Puritans</li> <li>6. The Great Awakening</li> <li>7. The modern mission movement</li> <li>8. The modern era</li> <li>9. The global church</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term One</i>  <b>Church History</b>                      An anthology of mainly primary sources, each with a handout containing background information and discussion questions.</p>
<p><i>Term Two</i>  <b>The Nicean Creed Pt 1</b>                      An overview of systematic theology with a view to its missiological implications through a line by line exposition of the Nicean Creed.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Faith and revelation in a modern, scientific world</li> <li>2. The triune God in a fragmented world</li> <li>3. The sovereign God in an anxious world</li> <li>4. The sovereign God in a suffering world</li> <li>5. The creator God in a material world</li> <li>6. The uniqueness of Christ in a plural world</li> <li>7. The divinity of Christ in a closed world</li> <li>8. The humanity of Christ in a hurting world</li> <li>9. The sacrifice of Christ in a guilty world</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term Two</i>  <b>Calvin's Institutes Pt 1</b>                      Guided reading of Calvin's <i>Institutes</i> with handouts containing background information and discussion questions.</p>
<p><i>Term Three</i>  <b>The Nicean Creed Pt 2</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The reign of Christ in a rebellious world</li> <li>2. The judgment of Christ in an unjust world</li> <li>3. The justification of Christ in a self-justifying world</li> <li>4. The life of the Spirit in a powerless world</li> <li>5. The word of the Spirit in a sceptical world</li> <li>6. The community of the Spirit in a self-reliant world</li> <li>7. The work of the Spirit in a self-righteous world</li> <li>8. The work of the Spirit in a hedonistic world</li> <li>9. The hope of the Spirit in a hopeless world</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term Three</i>  <b>Calvin's Institutes Pt 2</b></p>

## Stream: Character

Year One		Year Two
<p><i>Term One</i> <b>Gospel Change</b> An introduction to the biblical process of change and sanctification with a focus on implementing change in the life of the students.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why do you want to change?</li> <li>2. How are you going to change?</li> <li>3. What's going on in your heart?</li> <li>4. What truths do you need to turn to?</li> <li>5. What desires do you need to turn from?</li> <li>6. What stops you changing?</li> <li>7. What strategies do you need to reinforce faith and repentance?</li> <li>8. How can we support one another in change?</li> <li>9. Are you ready for a lifetime of daily change?</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term One</i> <b>Pastoral Care</b> An introduction to pastoral care.</p>
<p><i>Term Two</i> <b>Gospel Living</b> The principles and practice of a gospel-centred lifestyle.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A life for God</li> <li>2. A love for God</li> <li>3. Looking back: to the cross</li> <li>4. Looking around: at the Christian community</li> <li>5. Looking forward: to eternity</li> <li>6. Living now: decisions</li> <li>7. Living now: friendships</li> <li>8. Living now: horizons</li> <li>9. Living now: possessions</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term Two</i> <b>Christian Maturity Pt 1</b> An anthology of readings and audio with handouts including authors such as John Owen, Tim Keller, David Powlison and J.I. Packer.</p>
<p><i>Term Three</i> <b>Gospel Relationships</b> The principles and practice of gospel-centred relationships.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anger</li> <li>2. Conflict</li> <li>3. Fearing people</li> <li>4. Humility</li> <li>5. Gifts and service</li> <li>6. Work</li> <li>7. Marriage</li> <li>8. Singleness</li> <li>9. Parenting</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term Three</i> <b>Christian Maturity Pt 2</b></p>

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## Stream: Bible

Year One		Year Two
<p><i>Term One</i>  <b>Exposition and Biblical Theology</b>                      An introduction to the key principles for understanding and communicating the Bible and the Bible story.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Connecting with the author</li> <li>2. Connecting with the text</li> <li>3. Asking the 'why' question</li> <li>4. Connecting with your hearers</li> <li>5. Biblical theology: people</li> <li>6. Biblical theology: place</li> <li>7. Biblical theology: king and kingdom</li> <li>8. Biblical theology: the nations</li> <li>9. The fear of the Lord and hermeneutics</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term One</i>  <b>Mission and Biblical Theology</b>                      A look at how the Bible story portrays God as a missional God and offers a missional hermeneutic.</p>
<p><i>Term Two</i>  <b>Inductive Bible Study</b>                      Modelling expository preparation by working together on a passage with reflection on the hermeneutic process. Plus two sessions analysing good models of communication with audio content and handouts.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mark 4:1-20</li> <li>2. Mark 4:21-34</li> <li>3. Mark 4:35-5:20</li> <li>4. Mark 5:21-43</li> <li>5. Learning from preachers</li> <li>6. Philippians 1:1-11</li> <li>7. Philippians 1:12-30</li> <li>8. Philippians 2:1-18</li> <li>9. Learning from preachers</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term Two</i>  <b>Inductive Bible Study</b>                      Modelling expository preparation by working together on a passage with reflection on the hermeneutic process. Plus two sessions analysing good models of communication with audio content and handouts.</p>
<p><i>Term Three</i>  <b>Inductive Bible Study</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Isaiah 1</li> <li>2. Isaiah 11</li> <li>3. Isaiah 53</li> <li>4. Isaiah 60</li> <li>5. Learning from preachers</li> <li>6. Exodus 5:1-6:12</li> <li>7. Exodus 14</li> <li>8. Exodus 40</li> <li>9. Learning from preachers</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term Three</i>  <b>Inductive Bible Study</b></p>

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## Stream: Church

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<p><i>Term One</i>  <b>Missional Church and Church Planting</b>                      An introduction to the principles of missional church and the practice of church planting</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ecclesiology</li> <li>2. Ecclesiology</li> <li>3. Missional ecclesiology</li> <li>4. Missional ecclesiology</li> <li>5. Church planting: strategy</li> <li>6. Church planting: method</li> <li>7. Church planting: models</li> <li>8. Church planting: models</li> <li>9. Church planting: practice</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term One</i>  <b>The Redeemer Church Planting Manual Pt 1</b>                      Working through the Redeemer Church Planting Manual (<a href="http://www.redeemer2.com/rcpc">www.redeemer2.com/rcpc</a>).</p>
<p><i>Term Two</i>  <b>Gospel-Centred Leadership</b>                      The principles and practice of Christian leadership</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A biblical theology of leadership pt 1</li> <li>2. A biblical theology of leadership pt 2</li> <li>3. Images</li> <li>4. Servants</li> <li>5. Example</li> <li>6. Leaders</li> <li>7. Consensus</li> <li>8. Authority</li> <li>9. Style</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term Two</i>  <b>The Redeemer Church Planting Manual Pt 2</b></p>
<p><i>Term Three</i>  <b>Keeping It Missional</b>                      A guide to running effectively the events of church life with a focus on ensuring they support and further mission</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meetings</li> <li>2. Prayer meetings</li> <li>3. Bible studies</li> <li>4. Sermons</li> <li>5. Business meetings</li> <li>6. Visiting</li> <li>7. Pastoral care</li> <li>8. Marriage preparation</li> <li>9. Congregational life</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term Three</i>  <b>Beyond the Church Plant</b>                      Looking beyond the process of planting a church to creating a church planting ethos, building a network and mentoring leaders.</p>

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## Stream: World

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<p><i>Term One</i>  <b>Evangelism</b>                      An introduction to evangelism with a focus on mission through the Christian community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The message</li> <li>2. The messenger</li> <li>3. Building relationships</li> <li>4. Talking about God</li> <li>5. Presenting the gospel</li> <li>6. Introducing to Christian community</li> <li>7. Living to provoke questions</li> <li>8. Answering questions</li> <li>9. Casual conversations about Jesus</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term One</i>  <b>Apologetics</b>                      An introduction to apologetics, apologetic preaching and answering people's questions.</p>
<p><i>Term Two</i>  <b>Context and Culture</b>                      An introduction to contextualization including a vision for the city.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understanding the culture</li> <li>2. Understanding your context</li> <li>3. Contextualisation</li> <li>4. Contextualisation</li> <li>5. A theology of the city</li> <li>6. Urban, suburban and rural contexts</li> <li>7. Engaging with popular culture</li> <li>8. Muslim evangelism</li> <li>9. Co-belligerents</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term Two</i>  <b>Engaging with Culture</b>                      Principles for engaging with culture, understanding the worldviews expressed in the form and content of culture, ideas for using culture in mission and a vision for cultural transformation.</p>
<p><i>Term Three</i>  <b>Reaching the Marginalized</b>                      An introduction to church planting among the urban poor and Christian social involvement.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A theology of social action</li> <li>2. Evangelism and social action</li> <li>3. Poverty and community</li> <li>4. Models of development</li> <li>5. Principles of good social action</li> <li>6. Participation and planning</li> <li>7. Evangelising the poor</li> <li>8. Teaching and discipling the poor</li> <li>9. Challenging those in power</li> </ol>	<p><i>Term Three</i>  <b>Engaging Globally</b>                      Understanding the role of the local church and the centrality of church planting in reaching the 'far corners of the earth' and learning how to partner effectively with other churches to reach the lost.</p>