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*"In All Your Getting, Get Understanding..."-Proverbs 4:7*



*"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets,  
some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,  
for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,  
'till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God,  
to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ..." (Ephesians 4:11-13)*

### **Purpose Statement:**

The purpose of the EQUIPP Ministry Training Institute™ is to properly equip the people of God for the work of ministry. Students will learn through a combination of theological instruction and practical hands on application as they prepare to serve within the Body of Christ.

The EQUIPP educational model stands for:

- **E-Educate:** To develop your faculties and powers through teaching and practical application.
- **O-Qualify:** To provide you with the proper or necessary skills, knowledge and credentials.
- **U-Undergird:** To strengthen you through providing fundamental support, and provide you with a sound or secure biblical and spiritual foundation.
- **I-Instruct:** To furnish you with knowledge through individualized training for your particular calling.
- **P-Prepare:** To put you in the proper condition and readiness for your calling.
- **P-Push Out:** To push you outward into the next stage of your calling...



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## 3 LEVELS OF LEARNING:

There are three levels of education offered through the EQUIPP Ministry Training Institute™. While these classes are designed to build upon each other to create a firm foundation for future ministry, students do have the option to take one or two classes individually, based on their unique training needs.

| <b><u>Level I: Spiritual Foundations Track</u></b>   |   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intro to Hermeneutics</li> <li>• Intro to Theology/Bible Doctrine</li> <li>• The Life of Christ</li> <li>• The Prison Epistles</li> <li>• Holy Spirit &amp; The Believer</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intro to Pastoral Care</li> <li>• Intro to Prophetic Ministry</li> <li>• Deliverance &amp; Spiritual Warfare</li> <li>• Spiritual Formation of a Leader</li> </ul> |
| <b><u>Level II: Ministry Preparation Track</u></b>   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apostolic Ministry</li> <li>• Book of Acts</li> <li>• Old Testament Survey (Parts 1 and 2 -10 weeks)</li> <li>• New Testament Survey</li> </ul>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership and Conflict Management</li> <li>• Intro to Evangelism</li> <li>• Homiletics</li> <li>• Intro to Missions</li> </ul>                                    |
| <b><u>Level III: Advanced Theological and Ministerial Studies Track</u></b>  |   |
| <i>Level III classes are designed for those already operating ministry. Each class will be held as an all day long intensive on a Saturday. All course work must be completed BEFORE the class meets.</i>                    |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romans</li> <li>• Eschatology</li> <li>• Systematic Theology (Part 1 and 2 – 10 weeks)</li> <li>• Pneumatology</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church Governance, Finance and Operations</li> <li>• Deacon/Elder Class*</li> <li>• Intro to Pastoral Ministry*</li> </ul>   |
| *Elective classes. Recommended based on future ministry plans.   |   |



# 3-FOLD EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE

EQUIPP Ministry Training Institute™ uniquely integrates *In Class Education*, *Hands-on Practicum*, and *Mentorship* to provide students with a well-rounded ministry education.

## 1. *In Class Education* - Spiritual, Doctrinal, Ministerial & Operational Instruction

EQUIPP Ministry Training Institute™ offers a variety of courses to equip the saints in vital areas of doctrine, theology and practical ministry.

- ***Level I & Level II Course Structure:***

- Classes will be 5 weeks in length. Classes will be held in a blended format, combining bi-weekly in-class instruction with online class discussions and quizzes.
- Students should expect 2-3 hours of homework each week to complete the reading for the upcoming class, as well as any study guides, presentations, group projects, practice sermons or quizzes. All assignments, tests and projects will be graded. *Course Certificates* will be awarded for classes completed with a grade of 70% or higher.
- Each 5 week class will follow this blended format:
  - **Week One:** *In class theological and/or practical ministry instruction.*
  - **Week Two:** *Homework and online discussion in the virtual classroom.*
  - **Week Three:** *In class theological and/or practical ministry instruction.*
  - **Week Four:** *Homework and online discussion in the virtual classroom.*
  - **Week Five:** *All course projects due and course final exam will be completed.*



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- **Level III Course Structure:**
  - All Level III classes are uniquely designed for those already operating in ministry. Unlike the other classes, these courses will be one day long intensives held on select Saturdays throughout the year. All reading and homework for these one day long intensives must be completed BEFORE class meets.
- **Capstone Ministry Project:** *Level II and Level III* Students will be responsible for developing an executable ministry plan and presenting it to the class.
  - Project examples include, but are not limited to: Launching a small group, launching a ministry, planning an outreach event, planning a spiritual retreat, etc.

## 2. **Hands-on Practicum**

Students will complete **a minimum of 150 hours of Hand-on Practicum Experience per Level** to be eligible for graduation. All hours must be documented on the *Practicum Hours Tracking Sheet* and signed off on by a ministry leader. Practicum hours will be awarded for the following ministry activities:

- **Serving as a team within LCC**

*Course Participants will be assigned these tasks as a group or in pairs, building their ability to work as part of a team.*

- **Providing operational support within LCC.** Examples include: Set up, cleaning, opening and closing the church, etc.
- **Serving in a supporting role for existing teams that are planning and executing LCC events and activities.** Examples Include: Church Picnics, Conferences, Workshops, Festivals and outreach events.
- Planning their own community service projects as a team with mentor oversight.
- Planning and executing focused community outreach as a team with mentor oversight.

- **Serving Individually within LCC (Or their local church)**

*Students will also receive practicum hours for ministry they participate in individually.*



- Providing leadership or oversight of a LCC (or local church) ministry.
  - Serving within established LCCI ministries.
- **Students who demonstrate readiness will also learn through hands-on practice in the following ministry areas:** Leading others to Christ, Hearing From God, Ministering the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Healing The Sick, Moving in Revelation, Ministering Deliverance, Sermon Preparation and Delivery.

### 3. *Mentorship*

Students who complete a minimum of 2 classes will be invited to participate in the EQUIPP Ministry Training Institute™ Mentorship Program. Each mentee will be paired with an LCC Leader for small group mentorship and guidance. Students will be evaluated by their mentors to identify areas of strength and opportunities for growth, and work together to capitalize on their strengths, and address their weaknesses. Each mentee group will work with their group's mentor to plan ministry activities to help fulfill their practicum requirements.

## GRADUATION

Students who complete all course requirements for the level they are enrolled in, as well as their 150 practicum hours, will be eligible for *Graduation*. Please note that completion of classes through the EQUIPP Ministry Training Institute™ is for the sole purpose of equipping you with the theological knowledge and practical ministry skills needed to be effective for Christ. While graduates will receive a certificate of completion, course completion does NOT equate with ministry credentials such as ministry Licensing or Ordination.



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