

Springboard

Politics
Workplace / marketplace
God's Story
Social Transformation
Contextual Theology
Trinity
Expressions of church
Warfare
Spiritual Disciplines
Apologetics
Incarnational living

Curriculum

Ends of the earth
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Boiler Rooms
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Long-term mentality
Leadership
Raising Support
Accountability
Living communally

What is Springboard?

Springboard is a 2 year process, starting with a 10 week residential course, which will equip you to be a key long-term member of a Boiler Room – either locally, cross-culturally or in a pioneer situation.

The Springboard training is divided into 4 main sections based around the command of Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20:

Jesus said "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the father and of the son and of the holy spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age."

Getting theological - *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore...*

Jesus brings heaven and earth back together – this is the end of the story; Jesus has all authority – this is the bedrock of the Kingdom. The reality of the gospel of Jesus is everything that comes before the greatest 'therefore' in history. What is this story of God? What is the Kingdom of God?

Getting missional. - *Go and Make Disciples...* Baptising them in the name of the father and of the son and of the holy spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

What does it mean to go and how do we make disciples? What shape should the church take? What is the message we have for the world and how does it take root?

Getting cultural. - *Of all nations.* Who are the nations to whom God has sent us? What is their story, their make-up? Where have they been, where are they headed, and what forms has the church taken within them in history?

Getting practical - *And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.* Jesus promises to be with us to the end – from the deepest and darkest to the most mundane and practical. What is the nitty-gritty of obeying Jesus on this path?

How?

The 10 week residential training is only the start and will launch you into a 2 year mentoring process. All participants will be expected to commit to at least 2 years in a Boiler Room – either going to a new situation or back to the Boiler Room that sent you.

The 10 weeks will be intense and multifaceted and will put long term missional frameworks in place in your life – Theological, Practical, Gospel, Historical and Cultural.

The training will be partly classroom-based but in addition will incorporate many other ways of learning, including Evangelism in practice; Mentoring; Personal Study; Corporate Theological Reflection; Intercession; Involvement with the local Boiler Room; Individual streaming; Pilgrimage and a weekend retreat.

When?

The first Springboard will begin on January 10th 2009, starting with the 10 week intensive training in Guildford, England.

How much?

The cost of the training covers: all food, accommodation and training costs for the 10 week training block as well as a contribution towards subsequent catch up training events; access to a growing library of reference books; budget for your mentor to visit and keep in touch with you on a regular basis over the 2 year period.

Cost: £2000

What next?

If you would like to be a part of it please complete an application form and return it to us before November 14th 2008.

For more details email scot.bower@24-7prayer.com or for a chat call +00447806 541791.

GETTING THEOLOGICAL

THEOLOGY OF THE KINGDOM

Fullness of the Gospel:

- Politics
- Mission
- Mercy
- Workplace / marketplace
- Environmental
- Social transformation

THEOLOGY IN STORY

- God's story...
- How are we changed?
- Eschatology – then and now
- Creation
- Fall and Evil
- Jesus: Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection
- Trinity

THEOLOGY IN PRACTICE

- Spiritual disciplines
- Reading the Bible
- Scripture / reason / tradition / experience: how do we engage theology?
- Contextual Theology
- Theology of prayer
- Being teachable – engaging with others

GETTING MISSIONAL

Specific focus on: Post-modernity & youth in Europe; Pluralism; Consumerism

MISSION

- Making disciples who make disciples
- Nature of the call – leaving, learning & obeying
- The depth of the call – whole life discipleship
- Scope of the call – God’s mission heart from Babel - Abraham – Pentecost - Revelation
- What now – the current state of God’s global call and priority challenges
- Normal Christian birth
- Phases of discipleship
- Spiritual Warfare

DISCIPLESHIP

- God in the neighbourhood – incarnational living
- Overview of other forms of Evangelism
- Friendship / lifestyle evangelism
- Servant evangelism
- Signs, wonders and power evangelism
- Becoming all things to all people
- Listening and learning – contextualising the gospel

BUILDING CHURCH

- Planters and waterers – unity, networking, partnership
- Role of the 5-fold ministries in preparing
- Resource centres & mission plants – BR as expressions of church – 6 practices, 3 loves
- Look at models of BR and mission plants
- Simple church models
- Building cross-cultural church
- Spiritual Gifts

GETTING CULTURAL

WORLD VIEWS

- Apologetics
- Understanding other faiths
- Pre-Christian
- Rise of Islam
- Post-Modernism
- Atheism
- Fundamentalism
- State of the world – missional overview
- Spiritual Strongholds
- Context of the church – Christendom, post-modernity, pluralism

HISTORY

- History of Mission
- Monastic Church history
- Celtic spirituality
- Reformation
- Post-Reformation
- Blackspots of Church History inc Crusades
- Valuing the traditional paths
- Spread of the Gospel from Europe
- 3 historic expressions of Church – congregational, monastic, apostolic
- Personal study of individual historical character
- Personal study of history of specific country (physical/political)

GETTING PRACTICAL

PREPARING TO GO

- Long-term mentality
- Research of Culture / history
- Language
- Starting from scratch
- Health
- Family
- Setting up home
- Going as a learner
- Preparation for living cross-culturally

RELATIONAL LIVING

- Team dynamics
- Conflict
- Team building – Celtic model
- Personality types
- Leadership – keys, types of, analysing your leadership style
- Living communally – how and why?
- Sacrificial living

FINANCE AND SUPPORT

- Managing day-to-day finance / Budgeting
- Communication
- Raising support (financial & other)
- Establishing a 'home' team (inc prayer cover)
- Tent-making
- Financial accountability
- Tax and Pensions etc

PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL STEWARDSHIP

- Pitfalls and warning signs
- Friendships – maintaining old and making new
- Rhythms / discipline
- Accountability
- Relationships (inc. marital relations)
- How to avoid burnout