

DY+



DY+ VISION: SEEK, SERVE, GROW

Discipleship Year Plus (DY+) is a year of committing yourself to seeking God, serving His church, and being transformed in the process. DY+ is an incredible opportunity to share in a community of people passionately pursuing Jesus, spending time with Him and seeking Him wholeheartedly. The year is tailored towards serving God and His church in a variety of ways and stepping out of your comfort zone. DY+ is a year where people grow by allowing their character and lifestyle to be shaped by God so that who they are after the year will be different to who they were before.

WHAT WILL THE YEAR INVOLVE?

What will you give?

Quite simply, your time, life experience, energy, serving, gifting and passion. Also your full commitment to attend every Thursday (except school holidays) over the year is vital.

What will the year give you?

The opportunity to serve the church, serve the community and serve God.

It's a safe place where you can be known; a place to develop community, gifting and character; and a place to try out new ministries and explore what God is putting on your heart and what He may be inviting you into for the future.

You will receive teaching from different members of staff, the DY+ team and others.

You will have the chance to see how a large, growing church lives and works.

The course is free; the only cost is your complete commitment.

How will you grow spiritually during the year?

Your spiritual life is down to you and how you grow is down to your own discipline and commitment. You can take a horse to water, but you can't make it drink, as they say.

However, we will help by offering:

- Weekly teaching and community slots on a Thursday that will contribute to your spiritual growth.
- Time to invest in your relationship with God, be shaped by Him and grow in vision for how He might use your life.
- An amazing community of people to be a part of where you support, encourage and challenge each other, and can be part of accountable, praying relationships.
- The chance to serve the church, serve the community and serve those around you.
- Opportunities to step outside of your comfort zone, for example by taking your faith out onto the streets and praying for people.
- The DY+ team, who are committed to doing all they can to see you transformed throughout the year.

WHAT'S THE STRUCTURE

The DY+ year runs from September 2019 to July 2020. The expectations/commitments from you will be:

- **Thursdays** – Every Thursday 9am-4pm (except during school holidays) we will meet together for a time of learning and growing together. Mornings will be spent serving in various areas in the life of the church, for example the Arches, Facilities, Admin office etc. Thursday lunch times and afternoons will be the time we spend together as a group, having teaching on various topics, as well as time spent sharing and praying together. There will be a retreat and a blessing the community each term.
- **Regular participation in the life of the church** – This means regular attendance of small group, Sunday services and being part of the family will continue as normal.
- **Study time** – We review a different book each term and everyone will be expected to develop a personal study life.
- **Time to develop in other areas of ministry** – This is where it's down to you to pursue experiences and opportunities for growth.
- **Serving at some of the larger church events** – Such as the Carol Service, NLC conference, Alpha and other events.
- **A day off!** – Make sure you have at least one day designated as a Sabbath day.

WHAT NEXT?

Seek God and pray. Talk to those you love and trust. If it's right for you, this year will be exciting, pivotal, envisioning, challenging and transformational.

To apply for the year, we'd look for committed followers of Jesus who are members of Trent Vineyard (this would mean being in a small group, serving, attending on Sundays and giving financially in an accountable way).

If you decide to apply for DY+ please let your small group leader know, as we'll be in touch with them to support your application.

How to apply:

- Pick up an application form from the Connect area on a Sunday, or email sue.borghisani@trentvineyard.org for an electronic version.
- Return your completed application form to Sue Borghisani by the closing date (details on the application form).
- We will let you know within a few weeks of the closing date if you have been invited for interview.
- Within a few weeks of the interview we will contact you to let you know if we feel it's the right thing for you and whether we'll offer you a place.

We're aware this can all sound a bit formal, but it's important. The application process is our way of ensuring that the year is right for those who want to do it and that expectations on both sides are communicated.

For more information email sue.borghisani@trentvineyard.org