



# Discipleship Year

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## Course Headlines

**Location:**

Trent Vineyard, Nottingham

**Dates:**

15 Sept 2025 to 06 July 2026

**General Commitment:**

Part time: Monday, Tuesday & Sunday + other events

**Cost:**

Free

**Aims:**

To go on a transformative journey of following Jesus, growing in faith, and serving others— all within a committed community.



## Vision

Life can be busy, right? And in all the busyness, we can find it hard to know what it means to follow Jesus. We need space and a time set apart for him - to learn what it means to hear him, to live like he did, and to be loved by him.

So DY is that, a year set apart to pursue Jesus— to worship him, to see him rightly, and to be transformed through deep discipleship. We'll go on a journey of serving others like he did, of personal growth, and of learning to follow him in community.

By the end we want you to have built lasting foundations with him that will set you up for your next season. We want you to have challenged lies that you've believed about him or yourself, and to step into the identity you have in Jesus. We want to give you a cause that's worthy enough to lay your life down in service.

We also want you to have the best year, full of memories, fun, and deep community.

Expect to be challenged and built up. The year is very special, and if you throw yourself into it, it has the potential to be foundational to your next season.





“Now this is  
eternal life:  
that they know  
you, the only  
true God, and  
Jesus Christ,  
whom you have  
sent.”



# Values

These values describe the heart of the Discipleship Year. They point towards the kind of people we want to become and show the guiding principles behind the way DY is run.

## **Jesus at the Centre**

We prioritise ministering to him in prayer and worship and learning to enjoy his presence. Jesus is the ultimate goal and he is our ultimate reward.

## **Service**

To be the greatest is to be a servant.

## **Compassion**

Reflecting Jesus' heart for others.

## **Family & Community**

Learning that our faith isn't meant to be done alone, embracing the joys and hardships, making space for connection.

## **Light-hearted & Fun**

Joy and laughter are central to a life with Jesus.

## **Vulnerability, Self-awareness & Ownership**

Growth happens when we are open, honest, and humble enough to own our stuff and let other people in and see us.

## **Mentorship & Teachability**

A disciple is always learning and being shaped, seeking to receive feedback and to grow.

## **Creativity**

God is the ultimate creative, and we are made in his image. So we embrace and explore creative avenues to experience, enjoy, and worship him.



## So what will you get out of it?

Grow in your identity in Jesus

Grow in hearing his voice

Understand on a deeper level Jesus' love for you

Opportunities to serve the church and take part in building the kingdom

Become rooted in community

Practice stepping out in faith

Have 1-1 mentorship

Grow in maturity

Practice laying your life down for others







“What comes to  
mind when you  
think about God  
is the most  
important  
thing about  
you.”



So what does  
that look like  
in practice?



# Monday Community Day

Mondays are the DY community day. We'll make space for prayer and worship, mentorship, and reflection. It's where we go deeper into the Bible and have teaching on our three term focuses: knowing God, knowing ourselves and being in community, and preparing for life beyond DY. It's also a time of fun, light-heartedness, and hanging out.

## Here is a typical Monday timetable:

**09:00** Coffee & catch up

**09:30** Extended worship and prayer

or

**09:30** Trent staff meeting

**10:45** Teaching slot

**12:30** Lunch

**13:30** Reflection hour

**14:45** Afternoon session

**16:00** 1-1s

Once a month we'll also extend our day into the evening and have a social together.



# Tuesday

## Ministry Stream Day

Tuesdays are the chance to invest into, and be invested in by, a ministry area of the church. It's the time to put into practice what we're learning on Mondays and get alongside Trent in practically building the kingdom of God. Each stream aims to shape its schedule around the interests and skills of the DY student.

Weeks 1 and 3 you will be with your stream of choice for the whole day, and weeks 2 and 4 you will spend the mornings in Trent Compassion giving help to those in need in Nottingham, and then the afternoons you'll be back with your stream. Below is the list of streams you could be part of:

### **Newcomers & Evangelism**

You'll get involved in street evangelism, Alpha, newcomers' meals, baptisms, discipleship courses, and other events—sharing Jesus and supporting people as they start their journey of discipleship to Jesus.

### **Students & YA**

You'll help plan and run key events, join team times, and have the chance to lead and speak. Each week includes time for input and growth with the team. This stream is great if you want to grow as a leader and deepen your heart for this generation.

### **Trent Kids**

You'll help shape Sunday groups, plan creative activities, and support events—from crafts to assemblies. There's space to focus on either 0–5s or 5–11s, depending on your passion. You'll also join the team for vision, prayer, and planning times, growing as you learn on the job and lead alongside others.



**Trent Youth**

You'll join the team on Tuesdays—planning events, working on projects, and serving at youth in the evening. There'll be time for team input, outreach, and dreaming together about how Trent Youth can grow and thrive. It's a hands-on chance to dive into all areas of youth ministry.

**Trent Compassion**

Join the Compassion team and grow your heart for compassion and justice. You'll serve across a range of ministries, with weekly team times, one-to-one input, and training to help you grow. There'll be space to explore what you're passionate about and learn through workshops, books, and wider Compassion events.

**Worship**

This stream gives you the chance to be part of our worship team—whether that's playing, singing, or helping behind the scenes. You'll receive regular input, space to develop your gifting, and opportunities to lead. You'll grow in our heart for worship and what it means to lead others into God's presence.

**Production & Sound**

Whether you're into sound, design, photography, or just keen to learn, this stream will help you grow your skills through training and real projects. We'll shape things around your interests, with lots of input at the start and the chance to take on your own projects as you grow.







# Sundays

Sundays are the time the whole church gets together to worship, receive teaching, and have space to meet with Jesus. You will be a big part of making this happen, serving 5 out of 12 services a month. This will both be alongside your stream of choice (ie., in Youth if you're on the Youth stream), and also more general serves across the church. Serving on Sundays is not only a great way to see God move across the church, but to also meet people and make friends outside of your normal circles.

## Other Commitments

Alongside Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays, we would also expect you to prioritise the following:

### Small Group

If you're not part of a group already, then we'd love to invite you to join one. It's part of the wider experience of being disciplined in the church, and also the chance for you to give back and share what you're learning and growing in with others who aren't on the year.

### Mid-week Ministries

Depending on your Stream, you may be expected to serve on a weekday evening as part of that ministry area (e.g. Trent Youth Tuesdays, Trent Kids' Micro Groups, Student Small Groups, Soup Run). There is also the option to volunteer with other ministries in addition to your stream commitments if you would like to.

### Serving at Key Events

Throughout the year there will be additional events that you'll be expected to serve at. This will include things like Leader's Meetings, conferences such as the Vineyard Leader's Gathering and Cause to Live For, and other one-off events in the church calendar. You will be given all key dates at the beginning of the year, and for all conferences you will be given free admission!

### Trips Away

Around the start of DY, we go away for our Term 1 retreat for two nights, which is a great time of connection with each other and Jesus. Later in the year we also go on missions to another Vineyard church, aiming to serve and bless them while also having an adventure together!



## How do we support you?

We want to make space for you to feel supported, seen, and understood. We believe mentorship is one of the best ways to achieve this!

You will have three key areas in which you will be supported:

1. You will be assigned a member of the team to meet up 1-1 with.
2. You will be part of a 'key group' on Mondays, which is made up of a few others to share and pray with.
3. Your stream leader will see you every Tuesday and is also committed to supporting you and seeing you grow.

## Funding

Discipleship Year is totally free to enroll! But where we cover the costs of the course, it's up to you to take responsibility for ensuring you'll be able to cover any other expenses for the year, such as living costs. We would encourage you to find a part-time job that allows you to work two or three days a week so that, alongside your DY commitments, you are still able to take at least one day off in the week.

We don't want people to find themselves in a bad financial situation or to be irresponsible with debt, and over the years many people have been able to testify to God's provision and generosity. However, if you are concerned about how you might finance the year, we would encourage you to either chat to someone who's done the year and ask how they managed things financially, or a member of the team if you have questions.





## What next?

Seek God, talk to those you love and trust.

### **We would welcome any applicants who are:**

Able to commit to a year of serving the church (both practically and in your attitude).

Mature enough to engage with the heart work required in discipleship

In a flexible life situation without too many other commitments, because family, work and social time will be impacted.

Able to balance and be responsible for their own finances.

## How do I apply?

Fill in an application form online at [trentv.org/dy](https://trentv.org/dy). Once we've received your application, we will invite you to an interview. We will then prayerfully consider if DY feels like the right thing for you and offer you a place.

We're aware this can all sound a bit formal, but 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 effectively. For more information, please email [issy.bucko@trentvineyard.org](mailto:issy.bucko@trentvineyard.org)



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