

An Arduous Discipleship for Young Men

Men, it is important, especially at this time of your life, that you place yourself into an **arduous discipleship**. It is a time to be invested into, challenged spiritually, and to have your soul nurtured. God uses Neighborhood Bible Time (NBT) as a tool to mature you under His watchful eye. NBT is like a customized furnace heated 7 times to draw out the impurity in your faith. The tempering process is necessary so you will not crack, but rather be strengthened towards maturity.

The Pauline epistles are filled with doctrine for the church, as well as instructions on practical living for the believer. Within these epistles, we see the heart of the apostle for preparing young men for a life of ministry. Paul was determined to equip, warn, encourage, and pray for the young men in his care. He knew the importance of training the next generation of leaders and he **desired to see men succeed in the ministry**.

The book of I Timothy is full of exhortations and qualifications for a man of God. I would like to specifically draw your attention to I Timothy 4:12-16. The admonitions that Paul gives to Timothy in these five verses provide a model that NBT continues to follow as we seek to train young men for a successful life of ministry.

Succeeding through Personal Godliness (vs. 12)

Paul tells Timothy that Christian leadership is a matter of Godly character from beginning to end. God puts a high priority on character. The characteristics listed here, as well as in I Timothy 3, are all character qualities, with exception of “apt to teach,” a vocational quality. The first week of NBT training focuses on the areas of character required for the man of God. Remember, it is Godly character that places a man into the ministry, and it is the lack of character that disqualifies a man from ministry!

Succeeding through the Word (vs. 13)

In one simple sentence, Paul exhorts young Timothy to devote himself to the Word. Doctrine is key if we are going to understand the nature and character of God. This is a major aspect of the ministry. At NBT, the preaching and teaching of God’s Word is preeminent. The Holy Spirit will change your heart through His Word. From the moment that you arrive at training, you will discover a revival of the love of God’s Word. Dedication to personal worship is vital in your walk with the Lord. As our evangelists learn during training, corporate worship is nothing if it is not a culmination of your personal worship.

Succeeding through Giftedness (vs. 14)

Young men often ask, “Do I have the right stuff?” Young Timothy had the same thoughts, and Paul answered him in I Timothy 4:14, “Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.” In other words, have confidence in your God who has called you.

Later, in II Timothy 1:6, Paul gives the practical application to the call to ministry—fan it into flames! At NBT, you will be given the opportunity to fan the flames of your call to the ministry. You will see God work through you, by His grace, to succeed in ministry, which will give you the confidence of your calling. Throughout the summer, your faith will be stretched and you will stand in awe at the way God chooses to use you.

Succeeding through Diligence (vs. 15)

In verse 15, Paul exhorts Timothy to take the ministry seriously. The command is to be diligent, to “give thyself wholly to them.” One commentator described this by saying to “live and breathe these things.” Timothy was to give all he had – all his life. Being an evangelist with NBT is hard and it demands a summer wholly given to the work of the ministry. While you are single and in college, you can diligently devote yourself to the preparation that is needed to be God’s man. Traveling with NBT will help you develop leadership, character, doctrine, prayer, platform skills, preaching, counseling, confidence, and more. Paul ends his instructions to Timothy by saying that Timothy’s profiting would appear to all. It is with great hope that, through your growth, others will see Christ in you—the Hope of Glory!

Succeeding through Balance (vs. 16)

Paul ends this discourse by reviewing the importance of balance. The balance of life and doctrine is key to spiritual growth. Doctrine has everything to do with life because what we believe about God determines how we live. If we fall out of balance, we will change the doctrine we hold to be true! A summer with NBT is a busy summer! You will learn how to maintain a balanced life. There is enough time in a day to have a vibrant walk with your Lord each morning and still minister to others. NBT will teach you to shed the sins of procrastination and disorganization, teaching you how to redeem your time.

Will you consider being one of about thirty to thirty-five young men who will answer the call to minister to teens and children this summer through Neighborhood Bible Time? A summer spent with NBT will not only impact your future ministry, but will be life-changing and ministry-changing!

For Evangelism,



Larry L. Koontz, II
Executive Director

Recommendations from Bible Colleges

“It has been our privilege to partner in ministry with NBT. Each summer several of our finest young men enter the harvest field and preach and teach the Word of God. I have carefully observed the lives of these young men who have served and are serving in NBT. Without exception, these men return to college each fall and it is obvious to all that the Lord has done a deep work in their hearts and lives. Because of the training and discipline of NBT, these young men become some of our finest preachers and spiritual leaders here on campus. Thank you for coming along side us in the development of servant leaders for the harvest field. We are deeply grateful!”

Dr. Toby Weaver, Dean of Men, West Coast Baptist College

“Each August, our young men have returned with a new zeal for the Lord, an increased passion for preaching, and a deepened burden to reach the lost. As the professor of Homiletics and Expository Preaching, it thrills my heart to see what is being taught in the classroom applied practically in the lives of these young men. Traveling with NBT also gives these men an opportunity to travel domestically and/or internationally. This exposes them to different ministries, in different cultures which also helps to mold them for the future service of the King. Only in eternity will the fruit of this ministry be revealed. I wholeheartedly recommend this program.”

*Dr. E. Billy Dudley, Jr., Academic Dean,
Calvary Baptist Bible College*

“I encourage all evangelism majors to travel at least one summer with Neighborhood Bible Time. There is no other ministry opportunity where they will meet as many pastors, have as many preaching opportunities, or see as many people saved as they will with NBT. One of the best ways to enhance a young man’s preparation for evangelism is traveling with NBT. I wholeheartedly recommend it!”

*Evangelist Ron Comfort, Founder and Chancellor,
Ambassador Baptist College*



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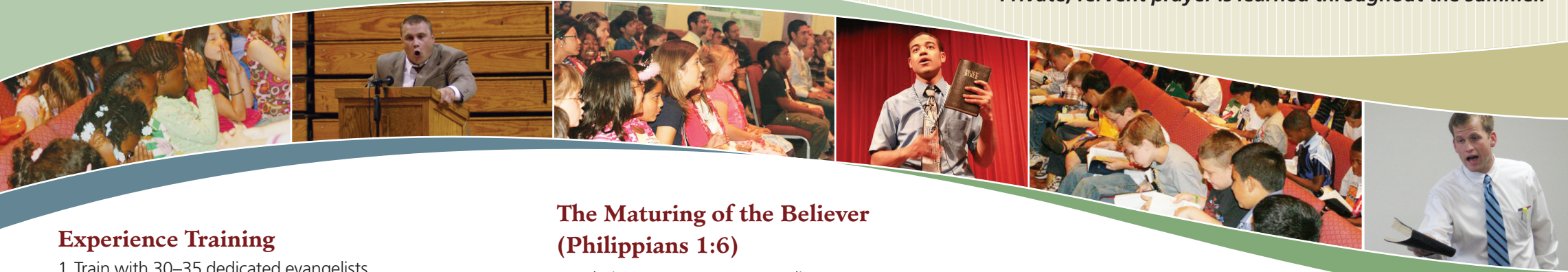
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Preach Teach Lead



Be a part of the
**Neighborhood
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2023 Evangelistic Team

*E.M. Bounds said, "Prayer is the very breath of dependence on God."
Prayer is vital to the role of an NBT Evangelist and the philosophy of prayer is emphasized.
Prayer makes the man and prayer makes the message.
Private, fervent prayer is learned throughout the summer.*



Experience Training

1. Train with 30–35 dedicated evangelists.
2. Train for three weeks in an intense spiritual environment.
3. Train to be a dedicated servant of God.
4. Train under gifted men of God.
5. Train to preach, teach, evangelize, disciple, organize, motivate, administrate, and lead.
6. Train to grow and mature in Christ.

Experience Traveling

1. Travel to a new church each week.
2. Travel with a dedicated, Spirit-filled partner.
3. Travel as a Rally Time or Teen Evangelist.
4. Travel to gain valuable insight about how pastors lead their people.
5. Total time commitment with NBT: 12 weeks.
(3 weeks at Training, 1 week of R&R, and 7–8 rallies)
6. Travel to reach the world's most responsive mission field—**youth**.

Experience Life-Changing Results

1. See the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in your own life.
2. See God's blessing as hundreds are saved and dedicated to Christ.
3. See the joy one experiences serving Christ with Godly people.
4. See the benefits of real, hands-on experience.
5. See the Lord provide for your financial needs.
6. See the value of giving a summer wholly to your Savior for service.

The Maturing of the Believer (Philippians 1:6)

We desire to see our NBT Evangelists:

- ❖ Develop a fervent, abiding relationship with their Lord
- ❖ Have a proper view of God
- ❖ Learn how to pray
- ❖ Grow more into the image of Christ each minute
- ❖ Work on areas of character as found in I Timothy 3
- ❖ See that ministry is about people
- ❖ Experience and learn from Godly pastors
- ❖ Confirm their call to ministry
- ❖ Understand the importance of following Biblical leadership
- ❖ Mature as the right kind of leader
- ❖ Prefer others better than themselves for the cause of Christ
- ❖ Depend on God for all their needs

As you can see, a summer with NBT is not just about traveling and preaching, though NBT Evangelists do minister daily and travel. One of our desires for the summer is to invest in each young man through a disciplined summer and see him mature as a believer in Christ.

As we all yield ourselves to Christ and daily depend on Him, He accomplishes His work in all of our hearts over the summer (Ephesians 1:19-21; 2:6).

What Does an NBT Evangelist Experience?

NBT Evangelists. . .

1. Preach 60-80 times over the summer
2. Soul-win daily
3. Lead 7–8 youth rallies
4. Work closely with many pastors
5. Conduct one-on-one counseling
6. Learn leadership and communication skills

Requirements

1. A clear testimony of salvation
2. Acceptance of the NBT Statement of Faith
3. A strong testimony of Christian character
4. A consistent lifestyle
5. A teachable spirit
6. A heart to serve
7. A willingness to work with others
8. A genuine love for young people
9. A deep burden for souls
10. A positive attitude
11. A flexible spirit
12. A desire to mature in the Lord

Is NBT for you?

- ❖ Yes, if you want to have one of the greatest summers of your life, serving the Lord full-time.
- ❖ Yes, if you want to learn from hands-on experience.
- ❖ Yes, if you want to see the Lord meet your every need.
- ❖ Yes, if you want to experience the Lord's power working in and through your life.
- ❖ Yes, if you want to see hundreds come to Christ for salvation and dedication.

NBT Statement of Faith

NBT believes and teaches in every Rally the Divine Inspiration of the Bible; the Holy Trinity; the Deity of Jesus Christ; His Blood Atonement; His Bodily Resurrection; His Personal Pre-Tribulation Return; Salvation by Faith; Holy Living; Eternal Security of the Believer; the Origin, Fall, and Total Depravity of Man; Eternal Judgment of the Wicked; the Local Church; the Lord's Table; Believer's Baptism; New Testament Soul-Winning; Separation; Missions; and the believer's obligation to witness by deed and word these truths, and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Important Financial Information

1. You will provide your own transportation to training.
2. Room, board, and travel are provided throughout the summer, including your return home or to school.
3. All of the love offerings you receive are credited to your school tuition.
4. Available support options can equal or surpass a paying summer job. We encourage you to use our Evangelist Missionary Support Team Program. Love offerings can make a substantial contribution.

Your service commitment to Neighborhood Bible Time is from May 19 to August 12, 2023.

Note: Traveling with NBT can fulfill the requirements for an internship.