

The Worship Center Christian Church Leadership Academy

Deacons in Training (D.I.T.) Program Syllabus

Ministry Mission:

The Leadership Academy is a spiritual developmental and discipling program of The Worship Center Christian Church. Our mission is to help leaders and all people Know God; Find Freedom; Discover their Purpose; and Make a Difference. This mission is accomplished when we display a love for God and a vibrant, healthy relationship with him; when we display a love for people with the same unconditional love God has for all; when we serve in a spirit of excellence, giving our best unto God; and when we have fun in the process of accomplishing it all!

This program is designed to:

- Explore and highlight the heart of a deacon and the vital contribution their role is to the ministry.
- Show through scripture the character of a deacon. In Acts 6:1-7, we see the first selection of Deacons. These were well respected, gifted leaders who aided in carrying out the Gospel helping ensure the needs and execution of the ministry were met.
- Emphasize that here at The Worship Center, our Deacons are Servant Leaders of the ministry; not to any specific campus. While you may have a preferred campus you attend, the Deacons of TWC may be called upon to serve at various locations wherever there's a need.

Over the next 2-semesters, you'll have the opportunity to learn and study as well as work in a number of our ministry areas in partnership with our Deacon Ministry Leads.

Semester 1 (August – December)

Module 1:

- **S.O.A.P. Devotional Entry (Bi-weekly)**
- **Lead an iFactor Small Group OR Attend Life Small Group and Life Retreat**
- **Attend quarterly Deacons meeting**
- **Serve on the Dream Team**

Module 2:

- **The People Factor - book**
- **S.O.A.P. Devotional Entry (Bi-weekly)**
- **Continue leading an iFactor Small Group OR Attending Life Small Group and Life Retreat**
- **Attend the Advance Leadership Institute Intensive**
- **Attend quarterly Deacons meeting**
- **Serve on the Dream Team**

Semester 2 (January – May)

Module 1:

- **Book Assignment (TBD) - Share feedback via discussion board**
- **Complete the Leadership Challenge (ministry assignment)**
- **Lead an iFactor Small Group OR Attend Life Small Group and Life Retreat**
- **Attend quarterly Deacons meeting**
- **Serve on the Dream Team**

Module 2:

- **Beyond Series (*The Person, Power and Promise of the Holy Spirit*) (can we load audio here for participants to access)**
- **Advanced Leadership Institute Intensive**
- **Continue leading an iFactor Small Group OR Attending Life Small Group and Life Retreat**
- **Attend quarterly Deacons meeting**
- **Serve on the Dream Team**

Required Text/Resources

- **The New Interpreter's Study Bible (NRSV)**
- **The People Factor – Van Moody**
- **Book (TBD)**
- **Beyond Series (must have capabilities to play MP3)**

Program Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this program, the student will be invited and expected to participate in a Licensing / Ordination Ceremony to celebrate program completion and Gods calling upon your life. Students may also be asked to meet with the TWC Elder Board and/or Executive Leadership team for assignments and next steps.