

True Course is initiating a pilot project for serving clergy with an innovative approach to mentoring and coaching. When we have used this approach in the past the effect was powerful and the result was that sharp Christian leaders consistently became sharper.



Purpose:

Develop highly effective, healthy, balanced congregational leaders who multiply this type of leadership into peers, staff, and congregation members.

Benefits of participation:

- Tap into proven resources for life and congregational leadership
- Encounter sharpening influences that help you take your leadership and personal life to full potential
- Get answers to your toughest leadership questions
- Find perspective when leadership and relationships get tough
- Get support when you need it
- Achieve church/life balance
- Get a foundation for realizing your full potential as a person and as a Christian leader

Participants

This is a high-expectation group, invitation only, and not for the faint of heart or those lacking commitment. Maximum: 7 participants - first-come, first-served basis

Those invited are clergy currently serving in a church under 350 in attendance and in whom we believe we've observed have:

- A heart for God and a hunger to grow in Christ
- Learner's heart -- Faithful, Available, Teachable
- Integrity of character
- Desire to lead most effectively
- Well above average competence in congregational leadership
- A desire to succeed in the most efficient way possible.
- Ability to relate to the group and mentor/coach

Commitments:

- Attend every meeting in its entirety
- Be prepared to contribute at every meeting
- Cell phones off during meetings
- Pray faithfully for each member of the group
- Complete all homework on time as assigned
- Pray with prayer partner between group meetings, wherever and however, and discuss what you are learning in the group

Demonstrated lack of commitment may result in dismissal from the group.

Methods:

- Mentoring and coaching
- Reading
- Practical projects/Fieldwork
- Scripture memory work

Topics:

The group will have a curriculum but not be bound by it. Possible topics are

- Personal foundations (mission, values, vision)
- Work/Life Balance
- People Skills
- Communicating effectively
- Managing conflict
- Managing your priorities and energy
- Character
- Self-awareness and self-management
- Social-awareness and social relationships

In addition, the group will be allowed to self-direct to issues of concern and interest.

When:

Thursday, April 19, 2012 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Thursdays, April 26 – May 17, 2012 10 a.m. – 12 noon

***The deadline to register is Monday, April 16 by 5 p.m.**

Where:

Columbus Avenue Baptist Church – Conference room in “The Center” [Directions](#)

Cost:

No participation fee. You buy your own books.

Other Items of Note:

- The group will have the option to reconvene for 5-6 weeks in the Fall and Spring of each year.
- This may become available in other parts of the state and nation through video conferencing.
- Your feedback and input for future groups will be requested during and at the conclusion of the group experience.

*This is an invitation-only event. Contact us if you would like to be considered for an invitation.

[Click Here](#) to schedule a 15-minute phone appointment.

Facilitator:

J. Michael Godfrey, D.Min., Ph.D., ACC
True Course Life & Leadership Development
Coach/Speaker/Mentor/Consultant

Consistently recognized as a gifted leader, Dr. Michael Godfrey assists nationally renowned non-profit organizations, businesses, and their leaders to “be more, see more, and achieve more.” His highly respected work helps people reach their full potential. Dr. Godfrey’s approach received the “Malcolm S. Knowles Award for Outstanding Adult Education Program” award from the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education. He is a senior consultant for the Birkman method and serves as a lecturer at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary. He has 31 years of experience in congregational leadership and over 900 clock hours of coaching experience.

Godfrey earned his Doctorate of Ministry from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds his Doctorate of Philosophy in Educational Psychology with specialties in adult education, mentoring, creativity, and problem solving from the Baylor University School of Education. He maintains extensive continuing education in coaching, human relations, group dynamics, and leadership. He is a graduate of the Core Essentials Program and the Advanced Coach training program at Coach U. He holds the Associate Certified Coach credential from the International Coach Federation.

