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# \*introducing the ministry papers

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## introductory papers

the ministry training church\*  
meeting one-to-one\*

## small groups papers

\*RELATIONSHIP WITH **GOD**  
daily time with God\*

\*RELATIONSHIP WITH **OTHER BELIEVERS**  
joining a small group\*  
leading a small group\*  
encouragement  
hospitality\*

\*RELATIONSHIP WITH **FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD**  
christian households\*  
marriage preparation\*  
marriage enrichment  
raising kids to follow Jesus\*

\*RELATIONSHIP WITH **UNBELIEVERS**  
personal evangelism\*  
personal apologetics\*  
introduction to cults  
introduction to other religions

\*RELATIONSHIP WITH **CHURCH MISSION**  
joining a ministry team\*

## ministry teams papers

\*MINISTRY TEAMS  
creche ministry\*  
kids church ministry\*  
kids club ministry\*  
primary school scripture\*  
youth ministry\*  
high school lunchtime groups\*  
university ministry\*  
pre-school mums ministry  
support ministries

\*MAIN MEETING MINISTRY  
welcoming ministry\*  
music ministry\*  
audio ministry\*  
preaching that connects\*  
kids talks\*  
leading church\*  
setup-pieces/drama\*  
bible readings & prayers  
child protection\*

*The list above indicates the scope of the MINISTRY PAPERS project. Papers presently available are marked with an asterisk. Other papers are being developed on an ongoing basis, and several more are envisaged beyond the list above.*

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Welcome to the MINISTRY PAPERS. These ministry training papers have been developed in a local church context at Southern Cross Presbyterian Church Lismore in partnership with Presbyterian Youth. They aim to provide an integrated approach to training for the local church. The MINISTRY PAPERS present a training model that goes beyond events, to relationships. They aim to equip the whole local church in service of Christ and his gospel. Along with two introductory papers that explain the approach, there are specific papers ranging from small groups ministry to preaching and kids talks, from welcoming and music ministry to raising kids to follow Jesus. Here are some things you need to know about the MINISTRY PAPERS ...

\* there are **two papers** you need to work through first, that explain the training model: 'the ministry training church' and 'meeting one-to-one'.

\* as explained in 'the ministry training church', all other MINISTRY PAPERS are clustered into **two main arms** of training

1. small groups

2. ministry teams

\* the papers are in a **standard format**, with most designed to be printed as a double-sided A3 sheet. While containing significant content, the 'single piece of paper' makes the papers very accessible as an entry point to training.

\* the papers include a **variety** of bible study, illustrations, stories, ideas for discussion, as well as recommended further resources. Some papers also have accompanying tools (e.g. with 'kids talks', a kids talk feedback sheet).

\* certain key bible passages about church and ministry are **repeated** throughout the papers (as well as some key ministry concepts). This repetition is intentional. It is part of building an integrated mindset and approach to training and ministry throughout the whole church.

\* we have tried to achieve a balance between making the papers *general* enough to be transferable, but *specific* enough to show how they are used in one local church context. You'll need to **adapt** them to your own context.

\* **more papers** will be added to the website on a regular basis, and existing papers updated. The first major revision has just been completed, along with the addition of several new papers. Feedback is welcomed!

Steve Cree

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### where do I start?

Everyone should start by getting familiar with the two introductory papers. From there, it depends on your context. At one extreme, a church might be ready to implement the whole model. At the other extreme, just picking one ministry (e.g. welcoming) to focus on might be a realistic way to start. If your church presently has no small groups, just getting one group started in the next year might be your goal. If you do have small groups, growing the way you train and support leaders might be the next step to focus on...

