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# Design a Ministry Program

This exercise will test and develop Apprentices' understanding of the Christian ministry. This is an exercise in theological thinking, not ministry practise.

## Exercise

Design a ministry program for a major area of ministry.

## Aims

1. To understand the Christian ministry as prayer, preaching and people – prayerfully teaching the Word of God with love. Only the Word of God can impart the true knowledge of God and bring salvation through faith and repentance.
2. To see the fallacy of alternative ministry programs which diminish the Word, such as therapy ministries, entertainment ministries, power ministries, community ministries.
3. To wrestle with the tensions of praying and teaching in the context of loving relationships.

## Apprentices

1. Develop a ministry program for a year with an adult study group, youth group, campus group or church generally. This program should be one which the Apprentice is leading.
2. Think through your ministry goals and how you will achieve them.
3. Achieve a right balance of prayer, preaching/teaching, people work and programs.

## Trainers

Assess this ministry program as the year progresses, by discussion with Apprentice and those in the program.

## Resources

- Growth Groups, Colin Marshall (Matthias Media: 1995)
- Mission Minded, Peter Bolt (Matthias Media: 2000)