

MTS Blueprint

Our Vision & Collective Purpose is:

To make disciples who make disciples (Matthew 28:16-20)

MTS' unique contribution within that wider purpose (our mission):

Multiplying gospel workers through ministry apprenticeships.

MTS' Target:

is to, God willing, recruit and train 10,000 ministry apprentices by 2020. Apprentices who prayerfully seek to win 10% of Australia for Christ.

The MTS movement consists of four key components:

Theology, Goal, Practice, Character (outlined on pages 2 and 3)

The Mission Objectives of MTS are:

Goal 1: Recruit, Train & Develop

- Apprentices
- Hybrid apprentices
- Trainers of apprentices

Goal 2: Grow the Movement

- Consulting to churches
- Conferences & Events

Goal 3: Publish Resources

- Equip & educate apprentices
- Equip & educate trainers
- Equip & educate the MTS movement

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| Our strategy running across each of our three goals: | | |
| 1. Challenge | 2. Effectiveness | 3. Quality |

The MTS gospel worker life cycle involves 4 key stages:

Challenge Candidate → Apprentice → Theological Education¹ → Trainer

¹ Some apprenticeships combine steps 2 and 3. For example, Blue Collar apprentices will be theologically educated during their apprenticeship years.

Why Does MTS Exist?

MTS is on about training workers for Gospel Ministry. To quote Steve Addison in his book *Movements that Changed The World* MTS is a “leadership farm”.

People may ask:

- How does MTS recruit and train future leaders?
- What kind of leaders does MTS produce?
- What is non-negotiable for MTS in its mode of operation?

Those questions are answered below. The MTS Movement is, at heart, four things:

A Theology (or faith)

MTS is all about Jesus Christ. John Calvin once said, “Theology is thinking God’s thoughts after him”, which was based on Jesus’ rebuke of the Apostle Peter in Mark 8:33, “You do not have in mind the things of God but the things of men.”

Since “All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17) we seek to obey the Scriptures with every fibre of our being.

We agree with Reformation Theology² but we are also always reforming our theology so that it lines up with Scripture.

We worship a living God who is intimately involved in the world, by his Word and Spirit. Therefore we pray fervently to him and expect him to intervene. We want God to change the world miraculously, as in Jonah 3.

We believe that the time is short (1 Corinthians 7:29) and that obedient Christians need to “travel light”.

A Goal (or mission)

Our primary goal is to win 10% of Australia for Christ by 2020. The sub goal is to, God willing, recruit and train 10,000 ministry apprentices by 2020, who will seek to become gospel workers³ and reach Australia with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MTS is seeking to train:

- Ministry Team Leaders – those who lead ministry teams (e.g. Senior Minister, Campus Director, etc)
- Ministry Team Members – those who minister alongside a Ministry Team Leader (e.g. Woman’s Worker, Assistant Minister, Youth Minister)
- Makers of Disciple Makers

² Grace alone, Christ alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone

³ Gospel worker= someone engaged in disciple making work for a minimum of 3 days per week (0.6 EFT)

Robust and resilient men and women who are:

- Evangelistically skilled – they make disciples and don't hide in the church
- Personal pastors – they are just as comfortable sharing God's Word in the coffee shop as in the pulpit
- Publically Engaged – they promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the public square because they love their neighbours and think that living God's way is the best way for any person to live.

A Practice (action)

MTS is all about making and growing disciples; we are on about evangelism and edification.

We believe that authentic Christian Leadership means “investing deeply in a few” and waiting upon God to grow the fruit. Jesus did this himself, investing in the 12 disciples. He discipled⁴ them and treated them like his children in the faith (John 13:33). Jesus commanded all disciples to do the same and in the New Testament letters we see Paul obey Jesus.

MTS therefore believes there are several “non-negotiable” practices. We believe Gospel Ministry is:

- About ministering with people, not just to them.
- Life on life: It's important to spend one-to-one time with those we minister to
- The obedient Christian is a producer, not a consumer. They are involved in fighting the good fight of the faith (1 Timothy 6:12) at home, work, or while resting

Characteristics of MTS the Organisation:

MTS as an organization aims to be:

- We want our goals to mimic God's goals, going out and making disciples as Jesus commanded. Faithfulness to MTS is *praying* for people, *pleading* with people by finding out and answering their objections, and *persevering* in relationship with people long term.
- We do not operate on a model of ‘command and control’ but of ‘influence and inspiration’
- We are about reform and renewal, and seek never to justify our actions by the phrase “we have always done it this way”
- We move over territory, we don't aim to reside in territory. We agitate rather than occupy.
- We seek to set up structures that multiply themselves, constantly training others
- We are future oriented – we want to knock over, in God's strength, the hurdles in the way of 10% of Australians believing in Christ in Australia by 2020.
- We are flexible and adaptive, seeking to make the most of the opportunities that arise when they arise.

To God Alone be the glory (Revelation 4:11)

⁴ The word disciple is a word that means “the discipline of raising a child”.