



Brother. Disciple.

Mentoring Application

αμ is an abbreviation of the phrase, “ἀδελφία. μαθητες.” or “Brother. Disciple.” The name is simply meant to convey the importance to be both a brother within an authentic body of Christ as well as a disciple of Jesus Christ. This identity in discipleship carries an understanding that they are being lead and inspired by a more mature believer in the short term so that they can develop into leaders who make disciples as well long term. There may be a defined end to αμ, but there are no finish lines for a brother/disciple, only a lifelong journey.

At Johnson Ferry, we desire to be a people of truth, belonging, and purpose in Jesus Christ. This is most likely to happen when each man commits to the process ahead in complete humility. Our theme verse for Alpha Mu is 1 Peter 5:5: ***“Clothe yourself, all of you, in humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”***

Humility is not based on our mistakes and weaknesses. It is based on the fact that God created you with limits that require you to depend on Him and on others. Humility in the church recognizes that the church needs the gifts of every man, not just one man. This is why we mentor in groups. You will learn more in the context of community. It requires humility and prayer to be teachable as a man at the heart level. Humility recognizes that there are likely lies that we believe about ourselves, about God, and about others that are not true and potentially hurting our ability to spiritually lead in the ways that God made us. Humility recognizes that while God made us with limits He is also with us to guide us.

Each module includes a recommended book, Bible readings, scripture memory, and assignments. These resources have a track record of inspiring men at a heart level and opening them up to guidance and personal spiritual growth. Recognize the time needed to read and put real effort into the assignments each month for 11 months. Recognize that we are asking you to share your life fully with other men and your mentors and to invest time with each of them throughout the year, including a monthly meeting, two retreats, and regular breakfast meetings with your brothers.

You will set the dates for these meetings on your Launch Night together. You will want to organize your calendar for the year with your spouse before attending this meeting (conferences, family vacations, etc.). On Launch Night, you will receive binders with your group’s bio, the first book, and a journal for the year. You will meet your mentors and group that night.

This application includes three parts:

- Individual Covenant – This is your commitment to the work, attitude, and confidentiality that is required to fully participate in the program for the year. Married guys will need your wife’s signature as well.
- Profile & Bio – This will be shared with your group on Launch night and helps us in forming groups
- Application Questions – This is several questions that we ask that you answer honestly and transparently. Only your mentors will see this information, and it will help us to prayerfully prepare for mentoring.



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Individual αμ Covenant

I am making a covenant to the following:

1. I want to become an 'all-in' Christ follower, husband, father, son, brother, friend, disciple-maker.
2. I understand that I will humbly take direct, unfiltered feedback. I will do everything in my power to receive it in love and learn from it. I will avoid defensiveness, realizing that when I defend, I lose the opportunity to learn. I am committing to being open to examine myself—my personality, my past, my habits, my anger and my responses to people. I want to learn; I want to change, to be more like Jesus Christ.
3. I understand that I am committing to attending every meeting, being there on time and to have my work done. No exceptions unless *providentially* hindered. We will lay out our schedule for the year at our first meeting and I will manage my other commitments around the dates that are scheduled. **I commit to read the book each month, complete assignments fully, spend time with my guys often, and to spend time with the Lord daily as I work through this process.**
4. I am committing to the entire course and will finish strong!
5. I understand that this Mentoring process is based upon Jesus Christ, His message, and His plan for our lives. I want to grow in my faith, and I am open to surrendering my life to Him as He guides.
6. I commit to use this group to identify a plan for how I can serve and lead in various roles at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church based upon my gifts, season of life, and passions.
7. I commit to **total confidentiality** and complete authenticity with my brothers. What is said in the group stays in the group. No exceptions. While I will discuss this process and what I am learning from this process with my wife, I understand that my brothers' stories are to remain confidential unless expressly stated by them that it can be shared with our wives.

(If married) I have discussed this with my wife, and she fully supports my involvement. She willingly relinquishes the time that I will need to attend sessions and to do the readings and homework, with the goal of becoming the husband and father God desires for me to be. I commit to invite her into the process as I read and complete the assignments so that she also has an opportunity to speak into my life during this time as well.

Brother's Name _____

Wife's Name _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

Date _____



Profile and Bio

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THE PROFILE AND BIO SECTION OF THE APPLICATION WILL BE SHARED WITH YOUR GROUP AND MENTOR.

Fill out the following:

Your Name;

Years old,

Married ___ years, and

Father of ___ children; names (ages):

I grew up in _____ (city,state), graduated from _____ with a _____ degree and spent the last _____ years working at _____ (company) responsibilities in _____.

We got involved at _____ church in _____, and I accepted Christ in _____ (date).

I have served in the church/community by _____.

The best advice I've ever gotten was _____.

My favorite fiction book is _____.

My favorite non-fiction book is _____ (besides Bible).

My favorite movie is _____.

My favorite movie character is _____. Why?

My favorite Bible story or parable is _____. Why?

My favorite verse is _____. Why?

I'm participating in this process because....



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Application Questions

THE APPLICATION QUESTIONS SECTION OF THE APPLICATION WILL ONLY BE SHARED WITH YOUR MENTOR.

1. Describe your relationship with Jesus in one sentence.
2. (If applicable) Describe your relationship with your wife in one sentence.
3. (If applicable) Describe your leadership at home and with your children in one sentence.
4. Describe your relationship with other friends/brothers in one sentence.
5. On a scale of 1-5 (1 being starved for time, 5 being too much time on my hands), how full is your life right now?
6. Why you would want to participate in a mentoring program of this nature? What would you hope to get out of this relationship? What could you add to it?
7. Are there any areas of particular focus for you? What are the particular areas of your life where you most need assistance or guidance? Be honest and humble, this is a confidential response.