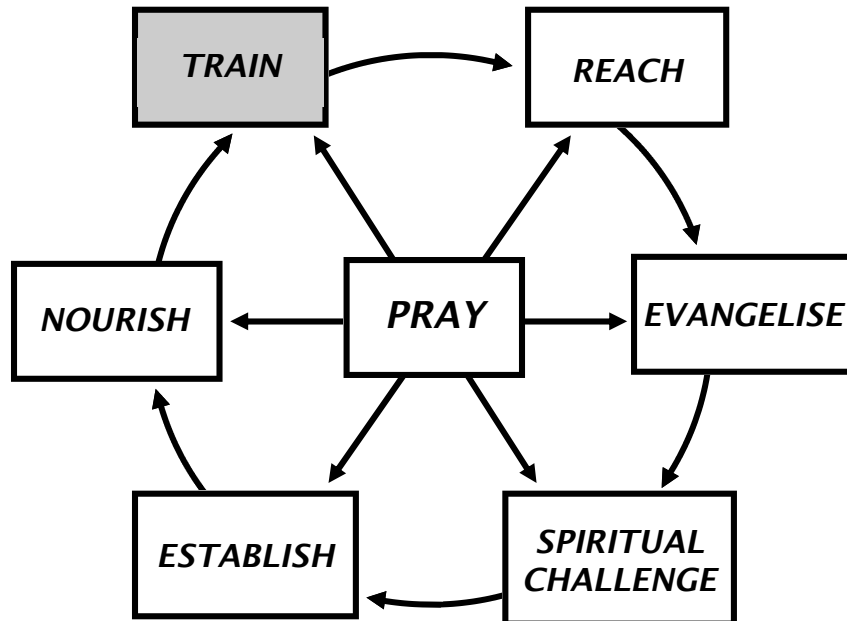


YOUTH STRATEGY

PRAY
REACH
EVANGELISE
SPIRITUALLY CHALLENGE
ESTABLISH
NOURISH
TRAIN

Ephesians 4:11-13 "11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

Every Christian has a ministry within God's church and so we seek to train you in both godliness and ministry skills that will better equip you to serve Christ in ministry.



TRAIN



*"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ."
- Colossians 1:28*

TRAIN



We are being trained from the moment we are born. At first we are trained by our parents in controlling basic functions of the body and then in manners and skills. Of course training never ends. Work out how many hours of training you have a week and then compare with the rest of your group. Remember to include time practising because that's training as well.

CATEGORY	DETAIL (eg soccer, piano, maths)	HOURS
Sport		
Music		
Tutoring		
Hobbies		
Personal Fitness		
Learning To Drive		
Other		
TOTAL		

You may not have realised just how much time in a week you spend being trained. Any form of education should be included. Yes, that includes all the hours in the classroom, but also the time you spend in Bible study each week. Usually you are being trained in understanding and applying the Bible. However, your leaders will also be training you in how to pray and care for others as well as how to share your faith.

You Are a 'Youth Minister'!

One of our goals in the youth ministry at Jannali is for you to see yourselves as ministers. God has equipped you with the knowledge of how to be saved from his coming judgement. God has placed you alongside people who don't know him. God has given you his Spirit to enable you to speak for him (Luke 12:11,12; Acts 4:7). God has given you leaders who help equip and encourage you to serve him.

Training is therefore an important part of serving God faithfully!

Check It Out!

1. The Bible speaks about those who have been trained for war (1 Chronicles 5:18), to play music (1 Chronicles 25:7), to work with precious metals (2 Chronicles 2:13,14), to understand God's law (Acts 22:3) and to compete in athletics (1 Corinthians 9:25). These are all skills that have been developed. Important as these skills are, there is a fundamentally more important training that is spoken of in the Bible. According to the following verses, what should God's people be trained in?

1 Timothy 4:7-8 _____
 Titus 2:1-15 _____
 Hebrews 5:11-14 _____
 Hebrews 12:10-11 _____

2. Why is godliness so important? _____

3. God's people are like a body with Christ as the head. Each Christian has a gift from God that helps the "body" to function effectively. What is the purpose of the gifts given to God's people?

Romans 12:4-8 _____
 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 _____
 Ephesians 4:11-13 _____
 1 Peter 4:10,11 _____

4. How can you use your abilities to serve the body of Christ?

5. Throughout the Bible we see the example of people being trained by others. Moses - Joshua (Exodus 24:13), Elijah - Elisha (1 Kings 19:19-21), Jesus - Disciples (Mark 3:13-19), Paul - Timothy (2 Timothy 3:10-15). These are what we might call mentoring relationships. In fact Paul encourages Timothy to pass on the things he has learned to the next generation of leaders in 2 Timothy 2:2.

6. Who has been like a mentor to you? _____

7. Who could you be a mentor to? _____

Pray together for ongoing growth in godliness, for opportunities to serve in ministry and for those to whom you can pass on the message of salvation.

