



GLOBAL INTERNSHIP CURRICULUM

**A FIVE DAY SAMPLE OF THE
THREE MONTH CURRICULUM
FROM SERVE GLOBALLY**



About the Curriculum

This resource is created to help you grow in the following five areas:

DISCERNMENT: What are my gifts and strengths and how do I discern the movement of God in my life?

MISSION: What is the mission of God and how can I join in that mission?

PEACE: How can I handle conflict well and create a culture of peace?

CULTURE: What is my own cultural worldview and how can I relate well to those of other cultures?

FLOURISHING: How can I grow and thrive as a person, as a Christian, and as a leader in an unfamiliar context?

Each week will include five sections, one for each topic. We recommend that you spend 30 to 60 minutes each day on one of these topics. You might choose to go through them Monday through Friday, or your schedule might look a little different. As you set up your schedule with your mentor, make sure you set aside this time five days a week, so it doesn't get squeezed out.



DAY 01: DISCERNMENT

Self-Awareness and God's Call to Moses, I

Our "discernment" days are all about growing in relationship with Jesus. We want to grow in Christlike character, becoming more attentive to who we are and to our gifts and strengths so that we can be more aware of how God is leading us and moving in our life.

Let's start with some time with Jesus. Each month we will suggest an online guide to prayer that may or may not be familiar to you. This month we are using the [Pray As You Go \(PAYG\) app](#). We encourage you to use this fifteen-minute reflection on a passage of Scripture with music as a way to be with Jesus. Try praying with PAYG at least two times a week through the next four weeks in addition to your usual practice of praying and reading Scripture. We hope this will help you start to explore different ways to pray and discover the unique ways that you connect with God.

Nearly all wisdom we possess...consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves....The knowledge of ourselves not only arouses us to seek God, but also, as it were, leads us by the hand to find him.

—John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, i.1.1

Self-awareness is one of the first steps to healthy ministry and leadership. We need to understand the person God has created us to be in order to become effective leaders with credibility. We begin our exploration of self-awareness by looking at the life of Moses.

Read or listen to Exodus 2 in at least two different translations or languages.

Study the passage on your own before referring to any other author or commentary for additional insight.

Reflect:

1. Consider what it might have been like for Moses growing up as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Imagine the kind of life he lived versus the kind of life the Israelites were living. How would you compare and contrast the two?
2. Why do you think Moses killed the Egyptian? What might that act reveal about who Moses was?



3. With which people did Moses identify? How did others identify him? In what ways is that significant?
4. Based on your study of Exodus 2, reflect on the significance of Moses's early years in Egypt and subsequent years as a shepherd in Midian. How do you think these experiences prepared him for leadership? Include your reflections on your own preparations for leadership roles.

Pray:

Lord, thank you that each of us is unique, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which you have prepared in advance for us to do. Free us to be honest about who we are—honest with you, with others, and with ourselves. Free us from our pride and our fear, that we may walk fully into the call you have for each one of us. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, amen.



DAY 02: MISSION

The Whole Mission of the Church

On our “mission” days, we will seek to answer the question: “What is the mission of God and how can I join in that mission?” Today we look at why we affirm our commitment to the whole mission of God in the Covenant Church.

Pray:

Heavenly Father, I invite you to be present with me through your Holy Spirit. Open my eyes to your mission in the world in which you invite me to participate, through the reconciling work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



[Watch the video](#)

[A Commitment to the Whole Mission of the Church](#)

Reflect:

1. What stood out as you watched this video?
2. How would you explain the concept of the whole mission of the church?
3. What did you sense God stirring in you as you watched this video?
4. In what ways is God asking you to respond?

Pray:

Lord, as you sent Abram to be a blessing to the nations, now you send us in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you that we can join in your mission as mission friends to bring all things in heaven and on earth into unity under Christ, reconciling them through your death and resurrection. May your kingdom come, may your will be done, on earth as in heaven. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, amen.



DAY 03: PEACE

A Biblical Introduction to Peacemaking

On “peace” days our goal is to provide a pathway toward hope and peace in the midst of conflict. Conflict is ubiquitous. It is a challenge for everyone. May the God of peace transform us, his hands and feet, to become people who bring peace and flourishing in the midst of conflict. (All Scripture passages are from the NIV unless otherwise noted.)

Pray:

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.

—Psalm 46:9-10

Set aside about thirty minutes for meditative prayer and reflection, using the following Scripture passages as a focus. Listen to God’s word and notice where and when God is speaking to you. Read through the verses slowly, pausing at each one. You might want to print these verses so you can mark parts that especially speak to you or make notes about them. After each section, notice how you felt God speaking to you, as well as any questions or key takeaways.

First, take a few minutes to be present to the God who is peace.

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
And the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

—Isaiah 9:6



May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—1 Thessalonians 5:23

Reflect:

Second, turn your mind and heart toward the peace and reconciliation that we have with God through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

—Isaiah 53:5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand....And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

—Romans 5:1-2, 5-11

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

—2 Corinthians 5:14-15



Third, turn your mind and prayers to what it means to be the body of Christ throughout the world. Prayerfully meditate on the life of shalom and reconciliation in community to which we are called as those who are reconciled to God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

—Matthew 5:9

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

—2 Corinthians 5:16-20

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

—Ephesians 2:13-18

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

—Colossians 3:15

Pray:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

—Matthew 5:9

Lord Jesus, thank you for the peace we now have with you. May we become agents of your peace, reconciling others to you, to themselves, to each other, and to the rest of creation. Amen.



DAY 04: CULTURE

Embracing Culture Shock

On these days where we focus on culture, we will seek to answer the question, "What is my own cultural worldview and how can I relate well to that of other cultures?" Our hope is that you will learn to embrace and adapt well to the new culture you are in for this season. We also hope that you will grow in your capability to shift your cultural perspective and navigate cultural differences. Wherever you live in the world, this will be an invaluable skill as you seek to love God and your neighbor, living out the ministry of reconciliation that God has called us to.

Pray:

Lord, thank you that you have created a world rich in diversity. Thank you that you have called me to live in a new culture in this season. Open my eyes to see how your image is reflected in the culture around me. Help me to develop the humility to become a cultural learner, and please let me know the joy of your salvation as I learn to be your servant in this place. In Jesus' name, amen.



Watch Kristofer Gilmour's Tedx Australia talk
[Why We Need to Embrace Culture Shock](#)

Record what stands out to you as you watch.

Embrace the space. Choose a task for yourself to become more acquainted with your new culture: go to a market or store and buy food or greet someone in the local language or dialect. Describe your experience.

Reflection. How are you feeling about your new environment? Have you noticed any physical or emotional responses since you arrived that are unusual for you?

Record a description of some of the new things you are seeing and experiencing. This could take the form of a letter, a blog post or video, photographs, or another medium of your choice. Choose someone to share this with.

Pray:

Lord Jesus, we bring these experiences of our new culture to you. Please be present to us in this place. Amen.



DAY 05: FLOURISHING

Being the Beloved

Our “flourishing” days are all about answering the question, “How can I grow and thrive as a human, as a Christian, and as a leader in an unfamiliar context?”

Today we start with the question of identity. Do you ever worry about what other people are saying about you? Do you ever feel inadequate when you read about other people who have achieved amazing things? These things can become sources of insecurity and stress if we allow them to define who we are.

Pray:

Father, help me to be secure in the knowledge that Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Amen.



[Watch the Henri Nouwen video,
Being the Beloved](#)

Reflect:

1. After watching “Being the Beloved,” take some time to be quiet in God’s presence, and listen to what God is saying to you.
2. Nouwen says that we need to base our identity not on what we do, what others say about us, or what we have, but on who we are as beloved children of God. Do any of the first three areas have a particular hold on you? How do you think you can become more secure in your identity as God’s beloved child?

Pray:

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

—1 John 3:1

Spend some time in prayer, allowing yourself to be held by God.



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