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Teaching Cohort Overview

At a Glance

- A short-term teaching cohort (6 sessions June-November 2026)
- 3-5 men seeking to be developed and discern their teaching gifts through training, practice, study, one-on-one feedback, and real teaching opportunities
- The result is a small, trusted pool of teachers who serve under elder leadership

Purpose of the Teaching Cohort

We want to be a church that raises up leaders from within. This cohort exists to prayerfully identify, equip, and affirm men in our body who demonstrate both the character and potential gifting to teach God's Word. Through intentional formation, mentoring, and practice, we aim to develop faithful shepherds who can handle Scripture well and serve our church with humility and clarity.

We believe the teaching ministry carries real weight in the life of the church. Because of that, we want to be intentional—not reactive—in how we develop teachers. This cohort helps us cultivate a plurality of leadership, stay grounded in text-driven preaching, and raise up men who are formed in both life and doctrine.

This cohort isn't about building a platform, but about forming men who can faithfully serve the body. Over the course of six sessions, a small group of participants will grow in handling and teaching God's Word—developing their understanding of Scripture, practicing communication, and discerning whether God is calling them to this kind of ministry.

At its core, this is about forming faithful men who love Jesus, love His Word, and can help lead His people well. This is not a guarantee of preaching opportunities or a formal role within the church, but a space for development that remains under the leadership and oversight of the elders.

Core Convictions & Commitments

We believe that character matters more than charisma, and that faithfulness to Scripture matters more than style. Teaching is not just a skill, but something that flows from a life being formed by Jesus. Because of that, humility, teachability, and alignment under elder leadership are essential.

As participants in this cohort, you are committing to:

- Attend scheduled sessions (every other week, Wednesdays 6–8am)
- Engage the material and complete assigned study and preparation
- Read and process Tim Keller’s book “Preaching” over the course of the cohort
- Meet one-on-one with a pastor/elder for feedback and discussion
- Receive feedback with humility and a willingness to grow
- Be open to opportunities to teach (e.g., communion, a mini course, or a service, as appropriate)
- Approach the process with a servant-hearted posture

What to Expect & Potential Outcomes

You can expect a process that is both formative and practical. Much of the learning will happen through doing the work first, and then processing it together.

Together, we will:

- Focus on the heart and calling of a teacher
- Learn how to study and faithfully handle Scripture
- Practice working through real passages
- Learn how to shape and communicate a message clearly

Along the way, there will be simple assignments, honest and constructive feedback from pastors and elders, and opportunities to grow through real teaching environments.

Through this process, our hope is that you would gain greater clarity around your gifting, grow in handling God’s Word, and step into opportunities to teach in ways that genuinely serve the church.

Ultimately, this is not just about training teachers, but about seeing the Word of God faithfully and fruitfully multiplied throughout the life of our church.

Structure & Flow

This cohort will take place over two phases:

PHASE 1 (*June 10th–July 8th*)

Sessions 1-3

- Focus on the heart of a teacher and the study of Scripture
- Participants will work through a shared passage together (*Isaiah 61*)
- Emphasis on learning how to observe, interpret, and understand the text

Summer Work (July–August)

- Participants will be assigned (or choose) an individual teaching passage
- Ongoing personal study and preparation (*Individual Passages in James*)
- Continued reading and reflection

PHASE 2 (*August–September*)

Sessions 4-6

- Building a sermon (structure, resources, illustration, application)
- Focus on shaping and communicating a message
- Preparing for real teaching opportunities (*Individual Passages in James*)

Fall Work (October–November)

- Invitations to teach in the 3rd service
- Opportunities to serve alongside elders in leading prayer, creeds, and communion
- Lead a potential mini course in December 2026