



CATALYST

A YEAR OF **DISCIPLESHIP**

Dear Emerging Leader,

I am so thankful that you would prayerfully consider embarking on this journey as part of the Catalyst cohort. This dream began as a hope and passion in our Church to see the leaders of tomorrow shaped, formed and commissioned as the disciples of today.

When I was emerging as a leader I read Henri Nouwen's classic, *In the Name of Jesus*. In this book Nouwen asks:

'The central question is, Are the leaders of the future truly men and women of God, people with an ardent desire to dwell in God's presence, to listen to God's voice, to look at God's beauty, to touch God's incarnate Word and to taste fully God's infinite goodness.'

Our world needs a better standard of leadership. Leaders who have humbly decided to be formed in the ways of Christ, are hungry to outwork the kingdom of God and have their identity and value intertwined into the story of God. This is not about ministry inside the church, but rather the people who are the church understanding they are in ministry wherever God has placed and called them.

If you are willing to surrender a year of your life to be formed, challenged, shaped, empowered and commissioned as a leader in either the ministry or marketplace - then Catalyst is for you.

I am so excited about what God is about to do.

With Prayer and Love,

Michael Hands



Overview of Purpose

Catalyst seeks to provide a foundation to both identify and form leaders for both marketplace and ministry leadership. The Church should be involved in the development of disciples for both the marketplace and the ministry platform – as the renewal of the church and planting of new Churches will need both. We passionately believe the game-changers, pioneers, entrepreneurs, revivalists, change agents, the leaders of tomorrow should be the disciples of Jesus today.

Over three phases Catalyst - a year of discipleship will seek to form the

cohort by focusing on our **head** (what we know), **heart** (who we are), and **hands** (what we do).

This will be done through three basic themes of Knowing God - a journey into the biblical story and theology of God and existence, Being a Disciple - an understanding of the revolutionary rhythms and practises of an apprenticeship to Jesus, Leading with Wisdom and Courage - outworking how our knowledge and rhythms can bring influence and transformation to the world around us.

Dates

The cohort of Catalyst will take place between now and the end of 2024. Catalyst is split into three eight week phases that each has at least one retreat, weekly gatherings and the possibility of missional outworking.

We would also hope that those who are involved in Catalyst are already outworking their leadership gifting amongst our Newlife community and in their world.

It will be important to attend each of the retreats and at least 85% of the weekly sessions - We will be hosting weekly gatherings on zoom so regardless of where you are geographically, **Catalyst is accessible for you!**

Phase 1 – Knowing God	
Retreat 1	7th March – 9th March
Wednesday Night Sessions	13th March – 15th May
Phase 2 – Being a Disciple	
Retreat 2	5th June - 8th June
Wednesday Night Sessions	12th June – 7th August
Phase 3 – Leading with Wisdom and Courage	
Retreat 3	5th September – 6th September
Wednesday Night Sessions	11th September – 30th November
Retreat 4	1 November - 2 November

Cost

We are committed to providing a quality experience for the cohort Catalyst, with access to world-class thinkers, experiential discipleship, transformative retreats and re-sourced formation.

Catalyst will cost **\$1500 (\$500/phase)** which will be all-inclusive for retreats and sessions. It does not include any transport costs.

There are options for Catalyst to be paid via a payment plan and financial assistance opportunities such as scholarships will be available via application.

Who should apply?

If you would classify yourself as an emerging leader (regardless of age) hungry to be formed, have a teachable spirit, are ready for rigorous discussion and community, and can commit to joining the upcoming dates we would encourage you to apply.

If the only reason why you would hesitate to apply is due to financial concerns or date clashes, please be in touch with our team at catalyst@church.nu

Application

Catalyst will be run annually, therefore we hope to limit the cohort to a size that is conducive to discipleship and community. Our hope is to develop a community of transformative disciples and leaders who form relational ties for life.

Because of this, we want to ensure that Catalyst is the right option for you in this season. We would love to invite you to apply for Catalyst through this link. Applications for the 2024 cohort close 31st Jan 2024.

Any questions can be forwarded to our email catalyst@church.nu

While not everyone that applies may be a part of our upcoming cohort, we will be running Catalyst yearly and would hope that everyone receives the right opportunity in the right season.



Apply now

