***Mathetes*: Overview of Program**

**Local Church**

**Purpose:** To help nurture program members understand the ministry philosophy of the church.

**Ministry Component**

Leadership: *Mathetes* members will be assigned a ministry to oversee while they are in the program. The purpose is to help evaluate competency, gifting, and calling.

\*\*This ministry may be a new initiative or a component of an existing ministry.

**Relational Component**

Attending staff and elder meetings on a regular basis will help foster closer relationships between church leadership and *Mathetes* members.

**Discipleship Component**

Reading List: The staff and *Mathetes* member will craft a reading list to be completed during the *Mathetes* program.

Staff & Elder meetings: *Mathetes* members are encouraged to participate in staff meetings on a regular basis to help process what they are learning, give reports on their ministries, and discuss what they are reading.

Mentoring: *Mathetes* members will meet regularly with an elder mentor.

**Suggested Reading List**

This list contains some suggested books from which to create a reading list depending upon the needs of the *Mathetes* program participant.

*Holiness,* J.C. Ryle

*Let the Nations be Glad,* John Piper

*Systematic Theology,* Wayne Grudem

*Tell the Truth,* Will Metzger

*When People are Big and God is Small,*Ed Welch

*Humility, C.J. Mahaney*

*Nine Marks of a Healthy Church,*Mark Dever

*The Deliberate Church,*Mark Dever and Paul Alexander

*A Biblical Critique of Infant Baptism,* Matt Waymeyer

*A Passion for the Fatherless,* Daniel Bennett

*Worship by the Book,*Don Carson

*Why We’re Not Emergent,*Kevin DeYoung and Ted Kluck

*Evangelicalism Divided,* Iain Murray

*Bloodlines,* John Piper

*Sex and the Supremacy of God,* John Piper

*Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility*, D.A. Carson

*Biblical Eldership* (and workbook), *Alexander Strauch*

*Ten Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health,* Donald Whitney

*The Hermeneutical Spiral,* Grant R. Osborne

*Basic Bible Interpretation,* Roy B. Zuck

*Preaching and Preachers,* D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

*Between Two Worlds,* John Stott

*The Passion-Driven Sermon,* Jim Shaddix

*Lectures to My Students,* Charles Spurgeon

**Biblical Counseling Tracks:**