

FAQs

What is the main purpose of the Antioch Discipleship School?

The purpose of the Antioch Discipleship School is to provide you the opportunity to be transformed through encountering God, being discipled and making disciples and learning to fully live on mission in our city, nation and the nations of the earth. Throughout the school, you will deepen your walk with God, learn to walk in lifelong fruitfulness and discover your unique purpose.

The school is a combination of prayer, worship and teaching in a hands-on learning environment that allows you to not only be hearers of the Word but doers.

We have found the school to be catalytic in establishing Kingdom values and in empowering people to live fully fruitful lives for Jesus no matter their stage of life. We're grateful you would consider applying. We look forward to praying with you about your journey in the Antioch Discipleship School.

Requirements for entering the Discipleship School

Ultimately, you will get out of the experience what you are able to put into it. The staff will do everything in their power to develop and equip you, and we have found that personal ownership in this process is key for the school to be successful for you but you need to come into the school with a desire to grow in God.

The following list is some areas that we will be covering during your time. Please read over these goals to make sure they are consistent with your own desires as you enter the school.

Our expectations of you as a student is that you/we are committed to growing in the following areas:

- Personal devotional life, including personal Bible reading, worship, and prayer
- Understanding of the nature of God, the Bible and identity in Christ
- Biblical character and integrity in every aspect of life
- Vulnerability
- Personal and relational wholeness
- Missional living
- Evangelism
- Disciple-making
- Biblical financial stewardship (diligent work, simple living, and generous giving)
- Servant-leadership
- Global awareness
- Decision-making
- General alignment to the life and teachings of Jesus and the scriptures

And participation in the following:

- Membership at Antioch Fort Worth
- Able to consistently and fully attend class time
- Attend a Lifegroup
- Serve at a service on Sunday mornings
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- Participate in corporate prayer and fasts
- The spring break outreach (1 week)
- Other outside-of-class assignments including Bible reading, scripture memory, book reading, videos, writing assignments, etc.

By signing up for the school, you are giving us – the staff and volunteer leaders – permission to help you and challenge you in these areas. We are not expecting perfection out of anyone but a desire to grow in each of the areas that are a part of the school. We are committed to your personal development as a disciple of Jesus and your fruitfulness in life, and we are here to serve and exhort you toward those ends. Jesus is our vision, and loving obedience to Him is the goal.

The school is designed for men and women who desire to live a biblical lifestyle and desire to fulfill the expectations of the school. As you fill out the application, prayerfully make sure this is what you desire at this time in your journey with Jesus.

General questions

What are the dates of the schools?

- Orientation Retreat – August 28 – 29, 2020
- Spring Mission Trip – will occur in the range of March 13 – 21, 2021; exact trip dates not yet finalized, but please reserve in your schedule the entire week as this is a highlight of the year and a requirement.
- Graduation – May 3, 2021

What days/times of the week do you meet?

Monday evenings from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. September - April

Can I do the school with children?

Children cannot participate in class, however, we provide organized childcare on Monday evenings at the church offices from 5:30-9:30 pm for an extra fee.

Are there other discipleship schools around the nation?

Yes, Antioch.org lists where our other churches are around the U.S. Most of those churches also have discipleship schools

Can I do the school for one semester?

No, in order to complete ADS participation in the entire year is required.

I've only been a Christian for a short time, can I still enroll?

Yes! We encourage you to apply for ADS if you desire to increase in the knowledge of God, deepen your walk with Jesus, and explore His will for your life. There is something for everyone at ADS, no matter how long you've been walking with the Lord.

Questions regarding tuition and payment**What is the cost?**

\$1300 for an individual and \$1900 for a couple. Full payment of tuition is due by the first day of class. These amounts do not cover the mission portion of the school, and the cost of the outreach varies depending on the length and location of the outreach.

What does my tuition pay for?

The students' tuition pays for books, facilities usage, retreats, bringing in speakers, staffing needs, school supplies, etc. Tuition does NOT cover the cost of spring outreach.

Can I work and go through ADS?

Yes, the school is primarily designed for people working full-time.

Are there scholarships?

No. The schools operate on a real-time cost budget, therefore, we don't have the ability to give scholarships. Let us know if there are financial issues and we can work with you on a payment plan, and be praying with you.

Finances should not be the reason not to apply to the school though. Many students have miraculously been provided for. Some things to consider:

- What can I give up for a season (e.g. coffee) and set that money aside for the school?
- Can I take on an extra job for a short duration to help pay for the school?
- What can I give to someone else in need? Sounds counter-intuitive, but often giving unlocks the financial breakthrough we need (Malachi 3:8-10)
- What can I sell in order to raise money for the school?
- Are there friends/family willing to sponsor me? (gifts that are given to help cover tuition are NOT tax-deductible)

Questions regarding the application process**How do I apply?**

The application is online at <https://antiochfortworth.com/discipleship-school/>

What is the application deadline?

The deadline for applying for ADS is May 1st.

When will I know if I am accepted or not?

Someone from the training school staff will contact you within one month of receipt of your application to schedule an interview, after that

Miscellaneous questions**Is it important that I attend Antioch Fort Worth if I am in ADS?**

Yes. Being a member of our church, through completion of our membership course, and integrated into the life of the church (through participation in a LifeGroup) is a key piece of our training program and is a requirement

Do you offer the school online?

No. The training school is designed to be attended in person

Where do you send people for the spring outreach?

It depends on a number of factors. Outreach destinations are decided by the training school staff. The goal of the outreach is to teach the student how to effectively share Jesus and start reproducing groups while in a different city. Locations will be determined after the start of the fall semester.

Regarding the Church Planting School**What is the difference between the ADS and the church planting school?**

- ADS— emphasis is placed on character development, biblical instruction, and ministry training. During this school, you will practice spiritual disciplines, read the Bible, serve the church and hone your gifts for God's glory. ADS includes a spring outreach.
- The Church Planting School—designed to equip people with the skills necessary to be effective global church planters. Heavy emphasis is placed on reading, church planting simulations, and case studies. Students will learn to adapt, think and improvise in real settings.

If I want to join a church planting team, should I do ADS before I do the Church Planting School

Yes, students are required to go through the discipleship school first.

Is it expected that all ADS graduates will go on to the Church Planting School?

Not necessarily, though we always recommend seeking the Lord about serving overseas for a season! ADS is a stand-alone school. If you want to grow in your walk with Jesus, be challenged in your character and learn how to live your life with greater purpose, ADS is for you!