



'MTS IN FOCUS' EVENTS

What is an 'MTS In Focus' Event?

An 'MTS In Focus' Event is a gathering hosted by a local church or ministry that is focused on sharing the vision of MTS - explaining, encouraging, celebrating, and/or supporting MTS Apprenticeships.

It does one or more of the following:

- Communicates the vision and mission of MTS
- Provides an overview of MTS ministry apprenticeships including the Biblical basis for them, why they are helpful, how they work, who should consider undertaking one and when, and possible apprenticeship pathways.
- Allows attendees to hear first-hand from past, current, and future Trainers and Apprentices.
- Celebrates, and encourages support and prayer for MTS Trainers & Apprentices
- Encourages and promotes a local church culture of prayerfully raising up gospel workers via Ministry Apprenticeships.

An 'MTS In Focus' Event is usually 1.5 - 3 hrs long and run by:

- a local church or ministry
- Two or more churches partnering together
- A local Table of Fellowship (A Table of Fellowship is a relational group of trainers, not-yet trainers, and lapsed trainers from a particular region, denomination or culture.)

MTS Head Office offers assistance and helpful resources to hosts to help them run an 'MTS In Focus' Event.

Why should a local church/ministry or Table of Fellowship run an 'MTS In Focus' Event?

At MTS, our vision is to "win the world for Christ by multiplying Gospel Workers through Ministry Apprenticeships". We aim to help local churches and ministries raise up harvest workers by identifying gifted and godly individuals, training them in ministry via an Apprenticeship, before helping them to decide on the next step in their ministry journey.

We believe every gospel worker should be seeking to identify and raise up the next generation of gospel workers (2 Tim 2:2). Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matt 9:37-38

An 'MTS In Focus' event is a vital part of cultivating a ministry recruiting culture in your church, ministry or Table of Fellowship. We recommend scheduling an 'MTS In Focus' event annually in Term 2 as part of your church or ministry's annual recruiting calendar.

It provides an invaluable opportunity for anyone in your church or local area thinking about a ministry future to learn how they can be trained in ministry via an Apprenticeship, hear from past and/or current Apprentices and Trainers, and ask any questions they may have.

It's also the easiest and best way to introduce your church's leadership team, key lay leaders or Table of Fellowship to MTS Apprenticeships and the raising up, and training, of gospel workers. It's a short event (1.5-3 hrs) held locally and therefore easy for anyone in the local area to attend, removing the barriers of time and distance.

Who is an 'MTS In Focus' Event for?

Potential Apprentices

A person considering undertaking an MTS apprenticeship sometime in the next four years will benefit from an 'MTS In Focus' event. Four years is how long it takes, on average, from the first conversation with a potential apprentice to them beginning an apprenticeship.

The vast majority of MTS Apprentices undertake the program because they have been personally asked to consider it by church staff or a lay leader they have a relationship with. Therefore, if you are a ministry leader, prayerfully think through who in your ministry should be considering doing an MTS apprenticeship sometime in the next four years, and invite them to an 'MTS In Focus' event.

Your Church's Leadership Team, Key Lay Leaders, and Church Members

An 'MTS In Focus' event is a vital part of cultivating a ministry recruiting culture in your church/ministry.

'MTS In Focus' events are helpful for potential MTS Trainers who have had little exposure to MTS. These people are likely to be members of your church leadership team or are currently studying at Bible College.

We also encourage churches to bring along key lay leaders such as treasurers and parish council members, to help them better understand what MTS is about and explore how they can implement and administer MTS at their church.

In fact, we encourage you to invite all church members to help them understand MTS Ministry Apprenticeships, and be unified in the church's mission of prayerfully raising up gospel workers via Ministry Apprenticeships.

Potential or Existing Training Centres

If your church is hosting an 'MTS In Focus' event, consider inviting key people from a nearby church/ministry that is not currently training via Ministry Apprenticeships.

This event will help them understand what MTS is all about and explore how they can set up MTS Apprenticeships in their own context.

On the other hand, where existing MTS Training Centres are in close proximity, there may be advantages of hosting an 'MTS In Focus' event together.

A local Table of Fellowship

A local Table of Fellowship is a relational group of trainers, not-yet trainers, and lapsed trainers from a particular region, denomination or culture.

'MTS In Focus' events are helpful for all trainers, especially those not currently training, to help them understand what MTS is all about and the benefits of training via Apprenticeship for the raising up of gospel workers.

Family and Friends

Most parents and friends (potential supporters) of potential apprentices find 'MTS In Focus' events helpful, as they are free to clarify any questions they have about the MTS program.

What might an 'MTS In Focus' Event include?

- A Bible talk
- The biblical foundation for ministry apprenticeships
- The vision and mission of MTS
- An overview of MTS ministry apprenticeships including why they are helpful, how they work, who should consider undertaking one and when, and possible apprenticeship pathways.
- The basic financial costs and pathways
- Trainer and/or Apprentice interview/s
- A panel with past and present Apprentices and/or Trainers
- Pre-recorded videos, eg.
 - An Apprentice's 'day in the life of' video
 - A bespoke video from MTS H/O
- The 'Next Steps' (For those considering vocational ministry in the future, a best next step is to attend a local recruiting Conference)
- A celebration of graduating Apprentices
- Information on how to support Apprentices and Apprentice Training.
- A challenge to potential apprentices to consider an apprenticeship and attend a recruiting conference
- A challenge to potential trainers and training centres to implement ministry apprenticeship training and attend a recruiting conference
- Prayer
- Question time
- Refreshments

A Sample Program

'MTS In Focus' Events are fairly flexible in terms of programming and structure, but a sample program might be as follows:

7:30pm | Welcome & Prayer

7:35pm | Bible Talk (*suggested passage: 2 Timothy 2:2*)

7:55pm | Trainer & Apprentice Interview (*current or past*)

8:15pm | Unpacking MTS Apprenticeships

8:35pm | Your Next Steps

8:40pm | Question Time

9:00pm | Finish (*Supper optional*)

How do I get started?

Download our 'MTS In Focus' Events Kit

The 'MTS In Focus' Events Kit includes everything you need to start planning your event including:

- this 'MTS In Focus' Events overview
- a planning timeline
- an event checklist
- a sample program
- a sample slide presentation
- promotional graphics to share your event

Download our 'MTS In Focus' Events Kit from the MTS website at: mts.com.au/resources

Contact Juliette Lee, MTS Events Administrator

Please email Juliette to inform her and the MTS Team of your plans to host an 'MTS In Focus' Event. Juliette is available to equip, support and train you to run a successful event.

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Juliette is available to help if you:

- have any questions or require additional resources to help run your event
- require training in running the 'Unpacking MTS Apprenticeships' and 'Your Next Steps' sections of the program (if using the sample program).
- would like an MTS Head Office team member to attend your event and run a section of the program. Please note that this is not always possible due to the high number of events and staff availability.

You will need to:

If using the sample program you will need to:

1. Provide an MC
2. Provide a speaker for the Bible Talk
3. Provide a current or past trainer and apprentice for the Trainer & Apprentice Interview
4. Provide a venue (if in-person*)
5. Provide supper (if in-person*)

Note: 'MTS In Focus' Events can also be run online e.g. over Zoom

Watch how others did it

Recordings of previous (online) events are available in the 'MTS In Focus' Events Kit.