



## MTS INFO NIGHTS

### What are MTS Info Nights?

MTS Info Nights are 1.5 hour information sessions hosted by local churches in-person or online, to help share the vision of MTS with potential apprentices, trainers and churches.

They introduce Christians to the ministry apprenticeship pathway, giving them an overview of why they are helpful, how they work, and when they should consider undertaking one.

MTS provides all MTS Info Nights hosts with helpful resources to guide them in running an Info Night, meaning anyone willing to run an event can.

### Why should you run an MTS Info Night?

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 Info Night is a vital part of cultivating a ministry recruiting culture in your church/ministry. 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 and key lay leaders to MTS Apprenticeships and the raising up, and training, of gospel workers.

Because an MTS Info Night is held over one evening in your local church/ministry setting, it's relatively simple to organise and easy for anyone in the local area to attend, removing the barriers of time and distance.

In fact, we recommend scheduling an MTS Info Night as an annual event in your church calendar. It communicates that you're passionate about raising up gospel workers through Ministry Apprenticeships and God-willing, this excites people in your church and over time further afield in your region as word goes out.

## **Who are MTS Info Nights for?**

### **Potential Apprentices**

A 1.5 hour evening event is far easier for potential apprentices to commit to, compared to a day or weekend-long recruiting conference. So we encourage you and your leaders to 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 Info Night. We say four years because that 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.

### **Potential Trainers and Training Centres**

MTS Info Nights are also 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 MTS in their church.

### **Family and Friends**

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

## How do MTS Info Nights work?

### The Content

- What **MTS is about**
- The **biblical foundation** for ministry apprenticeships
- The **realities** of ministry apprenticeships for trainers, apprentices & training centres (including basic costs)
- A **challenge to potential apprentices** to consider an apprenticeship and attend a recruiting conference
- A **challenge to potential trainers and training centres** to run ministry apprenticeships

### The Program

MTS Info Nights are fairly flexible in terms of programming and structure, but MTS suggests the following program that can be replicated for both in-person and online events.

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*)

## What do I need to do?

MTS will equip, support and train you to run successful MTS Info Nights.

### MTS will:

1. **Advertise your event** on the MTS Website Events page
2. **Assist with presentation outlines** for your event
3. **Train you (or provide an MTS team member if possible)** to run the 'Unpacking MTS Apprenticeships' and 'Your Next Steps' sections of the program.

We have created an MTS Info Nights Kit that includes everything you need from an event checklist, planning timeline, program outlines and presentations, as well as promotional graphics to share your event. You can download it directly from our website at [www.mts.com.au/resources](http://www.mts.com.au/resources), and please email us at [events@mts.com.au](mailto:events@mts.com.au) for anything else you may require.

## You will need to:

1. **Provide an MC**
2. **Provide a speaker** for the Bible Talk (we may be able to assist)
3. **Provide a current or past apprentice and trainer** for the 'Apprentice & Trainer Interview' (we may be able to assist)
4. **Provide a venue** (for in-person events only)
5. **Provide supper** (for in-person events only)

## How do I get started?

### Download our MTS Info Nights Template

You can download our MTS Info Nights Kit at [mts.com.au/resources](https://mts.com.au/resources). Please ensure to email [events@mts.com.au](mailto:events@mts.com.au) for any further materials you may require.

### Contact Carmel Vincent

Carmel is the MTS Events Coordinator, and is available for any assistance you may require. Please also contact Carmel to inform her and the MTS Team of your plans to host an MTS Info Night, so that we can assist and train you as you prepare to host.

**Carmel Vincent** | 0431 969 516 or [events@mts.com.au](mailto:events@mts.com.au)

### Contact your MTS State Network Coordinator

For those outside of NSW looking to host MTS Info Nights, your MTS State Network Coordinator would also love to assist you in running a successful event. Their names and contact details are below.

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### Watch how others did it

Recordings of online MTS Info Nights are available in the MTS Info Nights Kit. For upcoming events, check out our website at [mts.com.au/events](https://mts.com.au/events) for the full list of current events in your area.