



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 learn from and distribute, meaning anyone willing to run an event can.

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 Nights event. 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 does suggest 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. **Promote your event** on the MTS Website & Facebook Page
2. **Provide presentation outlines** for your event
3. **Provide an MTS team member** to run the 'Unpacking MTS Apprenticeships' and 'Your Next Steps' sections of the program, or train you to do it
4. **Assist with follow-up** after the event if you would like our help

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, and please ensure you email us at 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. Please ensure to email events@mts.com.au for any further materials you may require.

Contact Russell Smidt

Russell Smidt is the MTS National Training Director, and he is available for any assistance you may require. Please also contact Russell to inform him and the MTS Team of your plans to host an MTS Info Nights event, so we can assist and train you as you prepare to host.

Russ | 0431 015 292 or rsmidt@mts.com.au

Contact your MTS State Network Coordinator

For those outside of NSW looking to host MTS Info Nights, please see the below names and contact details of MTS State Network Coordinators who would love to assist you in running a successful event:

QLD | Dave Pitt david.pitt@citybibleforum.org

VIC | Dave Martin dave@newlifeofficer.org.au

SA | Chris Joliffe chrisjolliffe3@gmail.com

WA | Tim Thorburn tim_thorburn@optusnet.com.au

TAS | Rachael Penny rachael@vision100.org

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 for the full list of current events in your area.