



HCC Internship Rhythms and Requirements

Commitments

- I will **love** the Lord and cultivate my relationship with him through daily prayer and meditation.
- I will strive to **lead** in the church by serving resourcefully and investing relationally.
- I am here to **learn**, and I will approach failure *and* success with a growth mentality.
- I will **live** incarnationally in the community, seeking to make Jesus known in Nashville.

Character

- Holiness
 - Godly character
 - Walking in repentance
 - Ambassador of Christ and our church
- Honesty
 - Self awareness (emotionally, relationally)
 - Walking in the light (An open book)
 - Understand boundaries of discretion and disclosure
- Humility
 - Willing to push past comfort zone
 - Desire to learn from feedback
 - Quick to seek reconciliation

Practicals

- On time (Sundays for setup, staff meeting, etc.)
- Well-dressed (not strict, but casual professionalism *i.e. no hoodies, leggings, etc.*)
- Prompt communication
- Tidy with food and facilities

A typical week (~20 hrs)

- Sundays (including setup/tear-down) **(3.5)**
- Staff meeting **(1.5)**
- 1-1's w/ Spencer, Marshall, and/or other leaders **(2)**
- Discipleship group **(1.5)**
- Reading **(3-5)**
- Participation in the life of the church (formal events, informal discipleship) **(1-3 hrs)**
- Church projects (hospitality, design, research, etc.) **(2-5 hrs)**

HCC Intern Reading Plan

Below is the reading plan for the internship program. Our desire is primarily to develop your character as a follower of Christ. This will be crucial to a life of fruitful ministry going forward. We also hope to help build an understanding in regards to the church (local *and* global), theology, evangelism & discipleship, and leadership. This reading is in addition to the most important reading you will do during your time here—your Bible reading.

Bible

Every day you will read the sections for the corresponding day on our Bible Reading Plan. As you read you will take notes/observations and follow a simple pattern in at least one passage a week, to be discussed in the weekly intern meeting:

1. What does the text say? Summarize what the author is saying to their audience.
2. What does the text say about God? His character, attributes, work.
3. What does the text say about sin and our fallen condition?
4. How does the text anticipate or apply Christ's work in the gospel?
5. What should I confess, believe, or obey as a result of having read this?
6. (If applicable) Major interpretive questions or theological problems?

Books

As you read the books assigned below you will take notes. Read this short [article](#) by Mortimer Adler about how to take effective notes while reading. The readings will be covered in the weekly intern meetings, usually in the form of a 2-page reflection.

Know that there is also some flexibility built into this reading plan. You and Marshall will decide which books to read together.

Character focus 101

- Shaped by the Gospel- Keller
- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality - Scazzero
- Humble Roots - Anderson

Theology & Hermeneutics 101

- How to Read the Bible for All it's Worth - Fee
- Knowing God - Packer
- Delighting in the Trinity - Reeves

Discipleship and the Church 101

- Compelling Community - Dunlop & Dever
- The Heart of Evangelism - Barrs

- Counterfeit Gods - Keller
- Life Together - Bonhoeffer

Character focus 201

- Leadership and Self-Deception - The Arbinger Institute
- Dangerous Calling - Tripp
- Deep Work - Newport

Theology and Hermeneutics 201

- Introduction to Biblical Interpretation - Klein, Blomberg, Hubbard
- The Pleasures of God - Piper
- Transforming Mission - Bosch

Discipleship and the Church 201

- The Trellis and the Vine - Marshall and Payne
- Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands - Tripp
- Nine Marks of a Healthy Church - Dever
- Evangelism & the Sovereignty of God - Packer