



Christian Mentoring

JOHN MALLISON MINISTRIES

ONE-DAY SEMINAR WITH REQUIRED PRIOR READING

This one-day seminar was conducted by John Mallison for the staff of a national Christian organisation.

In each of the three sessions, lecturing played a minor role. **The main resource was the students' prior reading of the sections of John Mallison's book, *Mentoring to Develop Disciples and Leaders* and the completion of the questions listed below.**

This preparation was essential for the interactive learning environment of these sessions. Much of the time in each session was spent working in small groups and interacting with John Mallison in frequent plenary segments.

Students were encouraged to read as much of the text as possible but study of the whole of chapters 3, 4 & 5 was a pre-requisite.

Instructions to the students included the following:

Read the following sections and respond to the questions.

Chapter 3 - Understanding Mentoring

- **Mentoring as a Dynamic System** (Pages 50 to 52).
Personal Reflection Question 2 (Pages. 52 & 53)
- **Peer Mentoring** (Pages 53 to 58)
Personal Reflection Questions 2 & 5 (Pages 58 & 59)
- **Major Areas of Mentoring** (Pages 59 & 60)
Personal Reflection Question 2 (Page 60)

Chapter 4 - What It Takes To Be A Mentor

- **Main Roles** (Pages 75 to 85)
Personal Reflection Questions 1 & 4 (Page 85)
- **Mentoring Styles** (Pages 86 to 88)
Group Work Question 3 and Personal Reflection Question 3 (Page 90)

Chapter 5 - Tools and Skills for Mentoring

[We will not deal with the role of prayer or the use of the Bible as John Mallison is assuming that the staff already appreciate the crucial role these play in Christian ministry!]

- **How Adults Learn** (Pages 104 to 110)
Personal Reflection Question 1 (Page 110)
- **Boundaries** (Pages 116 to 122)
Personal Reflection Questions 1 & 2 (Pages 122 & 123)
- **Asking Good Questions & Active Listening** (Pages 124 to 135)
Group Work Question 2 (Page 110) & Personal Reflection Questions 3 & 4 (Page 135)
- **More Guidelines** (Pages 137 to 143)
What was especially helpful in this section?

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