

Certificate of Discipleship

Application form

to enter year 2

Please fill in diligently all four parts of the application form.

1. Personal Details

Full Name (first name / surname) _____

Email: _____

Mobile number: _____

Postal address: _____

My church*: _____

My pastor*: _____

* should that be an issue, please talk to us

2. The four 40 Minute studies I completed.

Fill in the chart:

	Title	Facilitator	Year	Term	
	<i>Eg How To Make Choices You Won't Regret</i>	<i>Christine</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>1</i>	
1	How To Make Choices You Won't Regret				
2	Having a Real Relationship with God				
3	Forgiveness: Breaking the Power of the Past				
4	Book of your choice:				

3. Self-evaluation

We believe that the character of Christians in leadership should be above reproach and should be well-spoken of by the brethren.

Because your success in leading a Precept Bible Study depends upon your qualifications to lead as well as your training and preparation and time, please use the following paragraphs to evaluate your readiness to lead. Write your responses in the spaces below each question.

1. Please briefly describe below how and approximately when you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour and describe your spiritual growth since.

Evaluation — Am I saved? If not, I shouldn't lead any Bible study.

2. Scripture teaches that new converts should not assume a role of leadership. Have you given yourself time to mature in the faith? (1 Timothy 3:6)

Evaluation — If I'm a new believer, I should wait before I lead others.

3. God gives each believer spiritual gifts by which they are to serve Him. In light of the scriptural teaching from your own study and the workshop, evaluate your spiritual gifts. Do you have at least one of the speaking gifts (teaching, pastorteacher, exhortation, leadership, prophecy) necessary for this type of ministry? Which of these gifts do you have? Has God called you to exercise these gifts in this particular ministry of leading a Precept study? (1 Peter 4:11; Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

Evaluation — Do I have one of these gifts? If not, I shouldn't teach one of these Bible studies.

4. Please read the doctrinal statement at the end of this document, especially the part about the Scriptures, Jesus, and God, and evaluate your beliefs. Can you embrace without hesitation or exception the doctrinal statement? If not, please explain.

Evaluation — The position of Precept Ministries International as stated in our doctrinal statement could cause you to have difficulty using our material (e.g. the inerrancy of Scripture is a foundational tenet). Can I use these materials without compromise? If not, I shouldn't use these materials when I lead a Bible study.

Scripture clearly teaches that the life-style of Christian leaders is to be above reproach. Therefore, reverently before God, answer the following in the space provided:

5. God's Word clearly teaches that His priority for husbands, wives, and parents is the home. Therefore, Precept leadership should never be a threat or source of contention in the home. Is your spouse in complete agreement with your plans to assume a greater involvement in this Bible study as a leader? Would being a leader of a Precept group interfere with your responsibilities as a parent?

Evaluation — If my leading in Bible study would cause strife in my marriage or diminish my performance of parental responsibilities, I shouldn't lead a Bible study.

6. In view of the natural emotional turmoil that surrounds changes in our lives, please evaluate any crisis that has recently occurred that you may currently be dealing with; for example, many have experienced divorce, lost a loved one, financial devastation, etc.? If you have had such a crisis, are you now past the time of needing to be ministered to, and are you now ready to assume the responsibility of leading others in this Bible study? (Ecclesiastes 3:1; Jeremiah 29:11-14)

Evaluation — If I'm not past the time that I need ministering to and am not fully ready to lead others, I shouldn't lead.

7. Local church fellowship is an essential part of the life of a believer. Therefore, each leader should be in a local assembly of believers and under the spiritual authority of the pastor, elders, of that local body. Your active participation in a local fellowship also helps safeguard Precept Ministries International from being viewed as a church or in competition with churches. Are you an active supporter of a local church? (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Evaluation — If I'm not regularly involved in a local church fellowship, then I shouldn't lead.

8. Please evaluate your involvement in community activities and employment so that you recognize what your commitments are and the amount of time involved. Are you too involved in other activities to have the necessary time to study, prepare to lead, and lead each week? Also, are you certain that the organizations and activities in which you are involved do not injure your Christian witness? (Philippians 3:8; Colossians 3:10)

Evaluation — My community activities do not injure the cause of Christ. If this isn't true, I shouldn't lead.

9. Leading Bible studies requires a commitment of time. Are you willing to schedule the time needed to be properly prepared to lead your discussion group each week?

Evaluation — I have enough time to devote to preparation and to facilitate a study. If not, I should wait until I can reduce my other commitments of time.

10. Your signature below is your agreement before God that you have evaluated your readiness to assume this leadership role and that you believe that your circumstances, your beliefs, and your relationship in the body of Christ are such that, with God's enabling, you can lead Precept Bible studies at prison.

Signature _____

Confirmation from another member of the body in your evaluation is vital.

4. Additional requirements:

1. I commit to this approach of "asking questions" as explained in each 40Minute study on p.1+2. I will refrain from telling, preaching or teaching while leading a 40 Minute study.
2. I commit to invest 4 hours per week during each term in year 2.
3. I commit to diligently apply what I learn from the Scriptures.
4. I am willing to take feedback on board and apply it so I can become a successful discipleship maker in God's eyes using the 40M studies.
5. I will start my own group prayerfully with the support of my mentor and course mates.
6. I commit to communicate respectfully with all, being aware that each person is made in the image of God. We discover truth together and therefore I will not use a top down approach. I will insist that God will be heard through His word, and then respect people to make up their own minds while praying fervently that each will trust Jesus more and more and apply what they learn.
7. I will deposit the course fee before starting the sessions in year 2 or have worked out an acceptable agreement with Precept New Zealand. The course fee is non-refundable.
8. To successfully pass year 2, and to be able to apply for year 3, I need to attend 90% of the sessions and submit all feedbacks within 18 months.
9. I accept that together with the leader we assess every now and then how to proceed or if we should terminate the involvement.
10. Abiding by the above, will ensure you can complete year 2.
11. Submit the filled in application form to preceptnz@gmail.org.nz or mail to Precept Ministries New Zealand, PO Box 276123, Manukau City 2241

Signature _____

Date _____

Precept Ministries International Doctrinal Statement

Our doctrinal statement summarises biblical truth that historically and doctrinally has been regarded as essential to the Christian faith.

The Scriptures	We believe (a) in the plenary verbal inspiration of the Word of God, and (b) that both the Old and New Testaments are inerrant in the original writings and are the supreme and final authority for faith and life.
The Godhead	We believe the Godhead exists in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three Persons are one God having precisely the same nature, attributes, and perfections.
The Lord Jesus Christ	We believe in (a) His eternal existence as God, (b) His Incarnation and Virgin Birth, (c) His death on the cross as the substitutionary atonement for sin, (d) His literal, bodily resurrection from the dead, (e) His present ministry of intercession in heaven, and (f) His personal, future return to the earth.
The Holy Spirit	We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead, convicts men of sin. Regenerates, baptizes, indwells, seals, and sets apart believers unto a holy life; that He keeps and empowers believers day by day; that He is the Teacher of the Word of God and the Guide for daily living.
Man	We believe that (a) man was created innocent and pure, and (b) Adam fell through the sin of disobedience. Therefore, (c) all men are corrupted in body, soul, and spirit; and (d) all men need redemption.
Salvation	We believe that (a) salvation is by grace, a free gift of God apart from works, (b) salvation involves repentance, a change of mind in respect to God and this turning from one's own way to God's way, (c) salvation is through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, (d) all who receive Jesus Christ are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become the children of God, and (e) true salvation will be manifested by a changed life,
The Future	We believe (a) in the personal, visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ to earth, (b) in the bodily resurrection of the just to the eternal abode in the glory of God's presence, and (c) in the bodily resurrection of the unjust to judgment and everlasting punishment on the lake of fire.