

B.A.S.I.C. Training Information Letter

At The Hill, we are passionate about people knowing and trusting Jesus as their Lord and very life. Discipleship has been the heartbeat of this ministry since Bob Warren founded it 40 years ago when asked by six college students to teach a Bible study. In its initial years, this ministry was called B.A.S.I.C. (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) Training to highlight the rigorous equipping of the saints. Thus, the name Summer B.A.S.I.C. Training refers to the roots and heart of this ministry as well as the intentionality and intensity of the program.

Our post-high school years (with all their adventure, new experiences, questions, disappointments, triumphs, pains, and joys) are a time full of opportunity to learn to lean into God in a whole new way. Our desire with B.A.S.I.C. Training is to present a seven-week-long opportunity for young adults to be equipped in the faith and connected with older believers who can continue to pour into them long after the program. Days will be spent in various areas including group and individual Bible study, meeting with mentors, times set aside for solitude, working together around the property and in the community, shared meals, and field trips to visit other ministries, to name some but not all. We believe that discipleship happens as we share our lives with others. Thus, we are convinced all these components have immense value. This will be more intensive over its duration than our year-round resident program. Think of it as a full-time, short-term investment.

The main areas of focus are broken down into details below. Please read them carefully for a more complete picture of what B.A.S.I.C. Training is:

Bible Study

We believe that the Bible is God's word and a critical component of how He equips His saints (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We also believe that instilling a passion for Scripture and equipping believers to partake and study it for themselves is a focus the Lord has given us as a ministry. Thus, spending time reading and studying Scripture will be a large component of B.A.S.I.C. Most weeks will include around ten hours of group study and discussion and around seven hours of individual study and reading through Scripture. This will include a range of things including (but not limited to) an overview of Romans 1-8, an overview of the Bible as a whole, a look at the reliability of Scripture and how it was compiled, studies through other sections of Scripture, and a look at how Scripture addresses a variety of topics the Holy Spirit may lay on the hearts of the teachers and students present. There will also be a focus on learning to pass on the things they have

learned and become convinced of (2 Timothy 3:14). We will have more information on the curriculum as we get closer to the summer.

Living Alongside Others in Pursuit of God

We believe that God's intention for us as followers of Christ is to live in community with other believers. He simply did not intend for us to be "lone rangers." Thus, during this time we desire to demonstrate what it looks like to walk with brothers and sisters in Christ and present opportunities for that to take place.

Guys in the program will be living in a dormitory with two to five other young men while the girls will be in a house with one to three other young women. This means that you will have plenty of time to build relationships doing simple, everyday tasks, from cooking breakfast to taking care of the residence to working around the property, and a host of other things. There will be other year-round residents living on the property during this time as well. They are a great group and will be part of some of the program activities.

Between the staff, teachers, mentors, and others, there will also be plenty of opportunities to interact with older men and women who have walked with Jesus for a long time. Some of these times will be studies, but others will be working on projects on the property or in the community and sharing meals in people's homes just to name a couple. We believe discipleship happens through sharing our lives and want to present every opportunity for that to happen.

Seeking Out Discipleship

As mentioned earlier, discipleship is the heartbeat of this ministry. In light of that, we want participants to learn what it can look like to seek out others who might pour into their lives and to seek out others to pour into. This ties in closely with the previous area. Opportunities and assignments will hone in on seeking out the older men and women that will be leading throughout the summer. There will also be opportunities to pour into others they interact with. This will be developed throughout the summer and will undoubtedly vary from person to person. Our God is immensely creative and we desire to participate with Him in creating only as much structure as is needed without getting in His way.

Logistics

On-campus lodging will be provided. We will be able to accept at least two female applicants and four male applicants. There will be a cost of \$750. Of that cost, \$500 will

be returned in increments (\$85/week for the first five weeks and then \$37.50/wk for the last two weeks) to participants for living expenses (food, fuel, etc.) throughout the summer. Part of the program will be meeting with a staff member to review summer budgeting. The remaining \$250 will go towards a variety of expenses, including fuel and food for two trips (more information on that below), a couple of meals that will be provided each week, study materials, and extra utility expenses.

Schedule/Calendar

B.A.S.I.C. will begin June 8, 2025 and end July 28, 2025. Every week will be unique to some extent. However, the first five weeks will be relatively similar in schedule. An example of the schedule for one of those weeks is shown at the bottom of this document. The mornings will be focused on learning to sit alone with God and studying individually and as a group. Afternoons will be varied and include work projects, group activities, service projects in the community, and studying Scripture to name a few. One of the weekends during this time span will be spent visiting like-minded ministry partners to experience their vision and learn from their leadership.

The sixth week will coincide with the Summer Youth Leadership Camp at The Hill. Participants will have the opportunity to serve this week in a variety of capacities depending on age (you must be 20 years old to be a counselor) and areas of gifting. Meals are included this week and if participants need to drive their vehicle for camp-related purposes, they will be reimbursed. If you have never been a part of camp here, it is a fantastic experience. Participants will have the opportunity to rub elbows with camp leaders who love Jesus and are honestly some of the coolest people on the planet.

The beginning of week seven will be spent recovering from camp and quickly cleaning the buildings. During the middle of the week we will head out for a short mission trip (we hope to have more details on this soon.) We will return that weekend to an off-campus location for a retreat to help everyone unpack and wrap up the trip and the rest of the summer. That Sunday night will be a send-off meeting. Move-out will be the following day.

Requirements, Application Process, and Logistics

Participants must be high school graduates between the ages of 18 and 25. What we look for in candidates is the same as with our year-round residency program. The ideal candidate has a hunger for the person of Christ and is inclined toward discipleship in

identifiable ways. The same mandate given by Paul to his spiritual son Timothy resonates with us:

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (2Tim. 2:2)

What we look for in a potential participant is:

- A passion to know the heart of God
- A faithful man or woman

We realize a person having all of those traits fully developed wouldn't need much discipleship. Nor does anyone have all of those traits fully developed. However, we are looking for the seeds of those traits that can be cultivated into a fruitful life in Christ.

We will be accepting applications from now until February 28, 2025. Interviews will be during the first week of March. We will contact you within two weeks of receiving your application in order to set up an interview date and time. If necessary, follow-up interviews will be conducted during the second week of March, and participants will be selected by the end of the week.

If you are considering or have already applied, please feel free to contact us with any questions. We would love to listen to you and provide any input that might be helpful as you consider this with Jesus. We believe that He is trustworthy and that He cares for you. Thank you for taking the time to consider joining us this upcoming summer. We do not assume this is where anyone needs to be and are for you regardless.

By His Life,
Andrew Porterfield, Jenelle Porterfield, Kim Warren, and Brent
Armstrong

Sunday

- 6:30 - 8 PM: Resident Supper (Weekly time set aside for participants, staff, and residents to share a meal, meaningful conversation, and fun.)

Monday

- 9 - 9:45 AM: Overview of Upcoming Week
- 9:45 - 11 AM: Solitude and Personal Study
- 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM: Group Discipleship (Group meeting with a leader for the purpose of addressing and working through current questions and concerns in life.)
- 1:30 - 3 PM: Service Project
- 3:45 - 5 PM: Debrief (Time devoted to working through the day's input.)

Tuesday

- 9 - 9:20 AM: Daily Overview
- 9:20 - 11 AM: Solitude and Personal Study
- 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM: Group Study
- 1:30 - 2:45 PM: Group Study
- 2:45- 4 PM: Group Activity
- 6 - 7:30 PM: Supper/Debrief (Weekly time to share a meal and work through questions regarding input from the day and regarding life in general.)

Wednesday

- 9 - 9:20 AM: Daily Overview
- 9:20 - 11 AM: Solitude and Personal Study
- 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM: Group Study
- 1:30 - 2:15 PM: Group Study
- 2:30 - 4:30 PM: Service Project or Team Building

Thursday

- 9 - 9:20 AM: Daily Overview
- 9:20 - 11 AM: Solitude and Personal Study
- 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM: Group Study
- 1:30 - 5 PM: Work Projects on the Property (Can include a wide range of tasks. Don't worry, if it is outside your skillset, we will coach you through it. That is part of the purpose.)
- 7 - 8 PM: Dessert and Debrief (Same as supper, just with dessert.)

Friday

- 9 - 10:30 AM: Solitude and Personal Study
- 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Group Discipleship with Staff
- Afternoon Off

Saturday

- Day Off