

Working Together for Growth (CBTE)

Train Your Leaders Locally Utilizing EABST's Resources

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And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.
—2 Timothy 2:2

I. Why aren't churches lasting?

- Failure to properly train leaders
- Incomplete understanding of church
- Not establishing churches in the Bible's teaching
- Insufficiency of the "seminary model" to develop *leaders*
- Individualistic style of discipleship

II. What is the NT pattern for churches?

- Evangelize strategic cities
- Establish local churches
- Entrust to faithful men (2 Tim 2)

III. Why is a Church-based theological education necessary?

- CBTE focuses on character development in leaders
- CBTE is centered on the needs of the church and is based in the church
- CBTE reminds us that the church is at the heart of God's plan
- CBTE is self-sustaining and self-replicating in God's plan
- CBTE develops a framework for training the church's own next generation of leaders
- CBTE focuses on lifelong development in character, knowledge and wisdom
- CBTE demands a different kind of curriculum—one based on discovery, dialogue and wisdom
- CBTE demands a new method of evaluating "success"

IV. How can EABST help?

- EABST has developed a complete CBTE system that exists to train churchman who love and develop within God's church
- EABST exists as a resource for local churches, not to supplant their God-given mandate to develop godly leaders
- EABST provides resources for assisting churches and top-quality training for those who wish to learn at EABST
- EABST focuses on the basics in order to provide a solid foundation for lifelong development:
Bible study, reading habits, strong ecclesiology, ethics & worldview, discipling & evangelism, biblical theology, habits, money, family, basic content, "wisdom living"

V. What does an EABST course and programme look like?

- Every *unit* creates a process:
 - Study the Scriptures
 - Consult the Scholars (theological readers)
 - Think through the ideas (discussion)
 - Apply the principles (projects)
- Every *course* creates a process:
 - Develop a biblical theology from the text of Scripture
 - Study contemporary models
 - Design biblical models and ministry strategies
- Every programme contains courses for developing godly leaders
 - Interpreting 1
 - Church Life
 - Biblical Theology: the Bible's big picture
 - Biblical theology of missions (Acts)
 - Biblical theology for establishing churches (Pauline)
 - Historical theology: developing the essentials of doctrine

- Old Testament Theology: Law, Prophets, Writings
- New Testament Theology: Gospels, Epistles, John's writings
- Every programme creates a framework for engaging culture with a biblical theology
 - Identify essentials of sound doctrine
 - Summarize the Scripture's message
 - Systematically address cultural issues and ideas
 - Develop a practical ministry philosophy for engaging

VI. How do we know if a leader is “competent” for ministry?

- CBTE is built on an assessment system that works with the local church and addresses competencies by a “portfolio” development
- Portfolios are focused on preparedness and content mastery rather than grades and academics
- Portfolios include: ministry experiences, skills and gift assessments, ministry philosophy, vision, and goals, personal and family development and character assessment, display of academic competency and emerging theological work, letters of assessment/recommendation

VII. What programmes does EABST offer?

- *Certificate of Bible*
Designed for people within the church family who may not be in leadership positions but desire to gain a greater knowledge of the Scriptures. The courses give an overview of the church's most important subjects and provide the foundation for Bible study
- *Leadership Development Programme (LDP)*
Designed specifically for men currently in ministry or working a full-time job that due to time demands are unable to complete certain academic requirements but will still

receive high-level biblical training and prepare for ministry and leadership

- *Bachelor's of ministry*
Post-secondary education that requires 4–6 years to finish. Graduates will possess general knowledge in the field, apply skills in analysis, critical evaluation, and application
- *Bachelor's of theology*
Post-secondary education that requires 4–6 years to finish. Graduates will possess general knowledge in the field, especially regarding "biblical theology" and "theology in culture" and will apply skills in analysis, critical evaluation, and application
- *Master's of ministry*
Post-graduate study designed to accomplish mastery of a specific field of study. Graduates will possess advanced knowledge in the field, the ability to solve complex problems, and will think rigorously and independently
- *Master's of theology*
Post-graduate study designed to accomplish mastery of a specific field of study. Graduates will possess advanced knowledge in the field of building "biblical theology" and "theology in culture," particularly through implementation of a church-based theology and other ministry programmes. They will demonstrate the ability to solve complex problems, and think rigorously & independently.

VIII. What resources does EABST offer for local churches?

- First Principles, Foundations, BILD series, EABST training, Books