



BSL
Barnabas
SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP

Mentoring Global Leaders



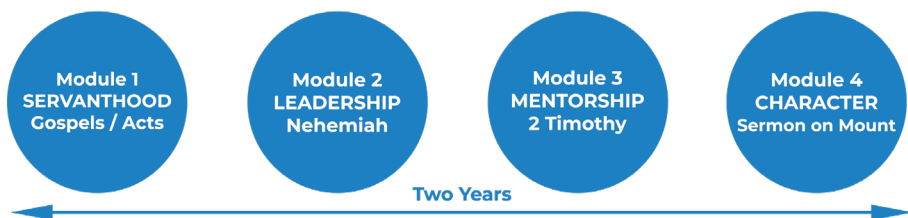
BSL Overview

The BSL approach to leadership development is based on our core values:

- We value the transformational power of God's Word.
- We value a passion for knowing Christ and making his disciples.
- We value prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit as the impetus for a life that glorifies God.
- We value the local church as the primary vehicle for accomplishing Christ's purposes in this age.
- We value mentoring as one of the most effective ways of bringing about life-transformation in Christian ministry.

While we provide sound biblical courses, BSL is relationally-driven rather than curriculum-driven. At its core it is a mentoring, whole-life approach to developing godly servant-hearted leaders.

Our courses provide a biblical framework for transformational mentoring to take place. They also give the participants resources to use as they return to their church or ministry with the goal of training their own leaders.



Woven into the design of BSL are four one-week modules spaced over two years. It is a commitment on the part of those being trained, to attend each module and to implement what they have learned in the months in between the modules.

Module One on **Servanthood** explores what it means to humbly lead like Jesus and become an encourager like Barnabas. In Module Two on **Leadership** we examine how Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem and restored the nation of Israel. Module Three on **Mentorship**, based on 2 Timothy, looks at how to lead like Paul and Timothy—deeply investing our lives in others. Finally, the **Character** module dives into the Sermon on the Mount, to explore how to live and lead differently.

Theology in Culture

The BSL process could be described as doing theology in culture. While you will be introduced to sound principles of leadership, our primary aim is to find out what the Scriptures teach on servant-leadership and apply that to our situation. Each of our modules and courses are grounded in a passage or book of the Bible. You will study biblical passages in depth and then ask, "How does this relate to our culture, or our church, and how does that inform how we should lead?"

A Rich Learning Experience

The modules provide a chance to learn by listening, reflecting, discussing and mentoring fellow leaders. The months in between the four one-week modules provide an opportunity to train other leaders by teaching and mentoring them, and more importantly, being transformed in the process.

We view our primary trainers as mentor-teachers, or mentor-coaches, rather than lecturers. You will receive coaching on mentoring, using Rowland Forman's book: *Mutual Mentoring for Life Transformation*.

Our Story

Barnabas School of Leadership was founded by Rowland Forman, a mentor, educator, graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, and pastor from New Zealand. The importance of this initiative was confirmed when Rowland attended the Global Proclamation Congress (Bangkok, Thailand, 2016) – where the theme was that the gospel is flourishing in parts of Asia, Africa and South America, and when that happens, congregations form quickly. Typically, someone is appointed as a pastor and only 5% of those pastors ever receive any training. It is our prayer that BSL will be a small part of the training of these under-resourced pastors in the Majority World.

Since then, two cohorts have graduated in Myanmar and one in West Africa. Currently, there are BSL Cohorts in Nepal and Myanmar. BSL Boards have been formed in West Africa, Nepal and Myanmar and these then appoint National or Regional Directors. They work in partnership with an International Board in New Zealand. We are planning a second cohort in West Africa and are excited to launch the first cohort in Central Africa in the near future.

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