When Jesus first called His disciples, He said, "Come, follow me." It was an invitation to be with Him, to become like Him and to go and do as He did. Essentially, to be His apprentices.

Whilst we're not living in 1st century Israel, physically with Jesus, that same invitation is extended to us today. For those who have said yes, we are brought into a life-long journey of apprenticeship to Him, we are all being "changed into His likeness", as Paul says in 2 Corinthians.

Our apprenticeship is always worked out in response to who He is and what He's done; it's never about earning or striving, but it does involve every aspect of our lives. There is always more, always the opportunity to go deeper, whatever stage we're at, and although it's the Spirit at work in us that brings change - we are active participants. Our apprenticeship doesn't happen by accident; it requires intentionality and action.

The Apprenticeship at MV is an opportunity to step further into that. It's a period of time dedicated to developing and growing in your apprenticeship to Jesus.

Three main focuses will drive this:



Being with and growing in our love of Jesus;



Learning from Jesus and being formed in His likeness;



Doing as He did in our everyday lives.



As apprentices, we will place significant emphasis on putting our learning and formation into practice - both personally and within the MV church family, serving and sowing into the body of Christ.

The Apprenticeship is an 11-month programme, running from the beginning of September through to the end of July. The majority of an Apprentice's time will be given to Mondays but there will also be expectations to serve on Sunday mornings, at some evening events and at some Vineyard conferences throughout the year. There is no charge to be part of the year but it will have implications for your current circumstances and so we'd encourage prayerful consideration.



If you're interested in being a part of The Apprenticeship, or have any further questions, one of the team would love to speak to you. We also have a vision evening in the Spring season, and we'd love to invite you to come along. Each potential Apprentice will need to be part of a small group, serving on a team within the church, attending on Sundays and giving financially in an accountable way. Beyond that, it's a case of filling in an application form and having an interview with the Apprenticeship team, both of which are decidedly non-threatening!

