
Advanced DISCIPLESHIP

2018 Syllabus

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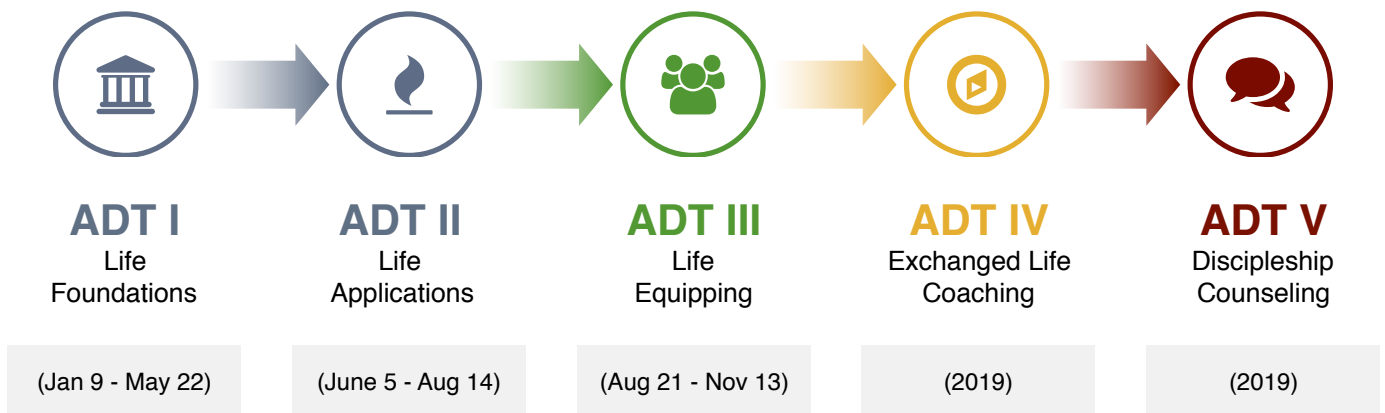

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Overview

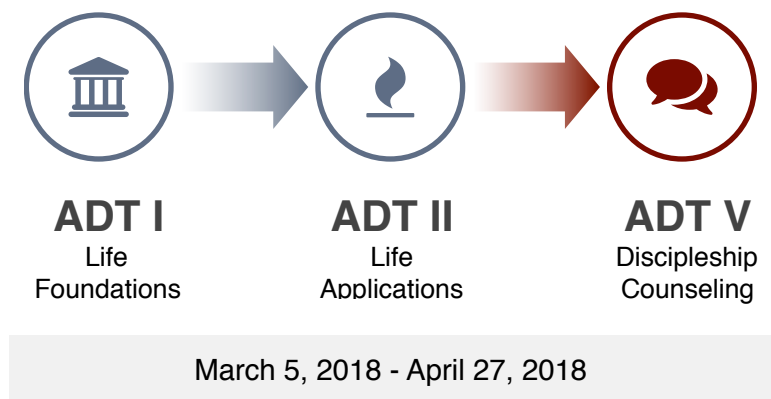
Advanced Discipleship Training is a process where a believer can gain a deeper and more comprehensive personal and practical understanding of the Good News of God's wonderful grace in Christ, which is known as the Exchanged Life. As the believer applies these truths personally, he or she can learn to effectively communicate the Exchanged Life truths to others. The believer can continue through the process to effectively disciple (counsel) hurting people, or coach others by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Weekly Track



* Completion of ADT I and II is required for admission into ADT III, IV and V.

8 Week Track



Training Philosophy

The ADT training philosophy is to concentrate on personal growth in Christ. The Exchanged Life or identification truths in Christ are taught in a class framework within a safe environment that encourages group discussion and personal application. Care is taken in maintaining a balance between learning, dialogue, and personal growth. We believe that it is necessary to integrate scripture work and reading into one's own thoughts, beliefs and actions. One may also need to work through some issues in his or her life as the training classes progress.

It should be noted that much of the learning occurs at CFT incidentally; that is, through interacting with the staff, fellow students, and participation during "check-out" time. Trainees will not be monitored as in a "school", although there are definite expectations. No one will be looking over the student's shoulder to ensure that he or she completes his or her work. In Christ, the student has the necessary grace sufficient to carry out this learning and training program.

The Exchanged Life

The Exchanged Life is simply a term that describes what happened to each believer at the moment of his or her salvation. When a believer receives Christ he or she exchanges his or her old life in Adam for a new life in Christ.¹ The Apostle Paul sums up the Exchanged Life when he says, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me."² Paul also speaks about the exchanged life in Colossians when he says, "For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred (or exchanged) us to the kingdom of His beloved Son...."³

¹ II Corinthians 5:17

² Galatians 2:20

³ Colossians 1:13



ADT I – Life Foundations

Objective

To provide believers with an opportunity to gain a deeper and more comprehensive personal and practical understanding of the Good News of God's wonderful grace in Christ which is known as the Exchanged Life.⁴ To turn information into God's transformation leading the students to experience personal relationship and intimate fellowship with God.

Method

ADT I - Foundations follows the book, *Living in Jesus* for content and progression. The ADT I – Foundations program consists of lectures, recommended reading, video and audiotapes, an open book exam, and a paper expressing one's personal growth and experience of the Exchanged Life. The student will be asked to complete periodic reports reflecting his or her progress through the material. **In addition, each student will personally go through the process of discovering his or her history regarding how they developed false beliefs and resulting flesh patterns. A CFT Staff Equipper will guide them through this process.** Each week class time is allotted to the following:

- **Presentation of principles / truths** – lectures that may include demonstrations or videos
- **Interaction** - with the staff and fellow students
- **Meeting with Staff Equipper** – main purpose is for the student to learn how he/she developed his/her flesh
- **Outside of class** – personal time processing the Exchanged Life truths by working through the book, *Living in Jesus*, internalizing and owning the truths by completing the "Transform" section in *Living in Jesus*, reading and listening to audio messages.

Meeting Times - 20 Evening Sessions, One Weekend Retreat

January 9th –May 22nd, 2018, on Tuesday nights, 6:00 – 9:30 PM

A weekend retreat will be held on a Saturday morning through Sunday early afternoon and tentatively scheduled for February 7 – 18, 2018. Cost of the retreat is included in the ADT I tuition. Attendance is required. This retreat does not include students enrolled in the 8 Week ADT Course.

Session Topics are listed on the chart, "Training Topics and Requirements Overview" on p. 11.

⁴ Ephesians 2:8-10



ADT II – Life Applications

Objectives

To continue the students' learning by providing an opportunity to apply the foundational truths learned in ADT I – Life Foundations to specific areas of life. As the student applies the truth of Identity, Contentment (needs met by God alone), victory over flesh, Satan, and the world to real life challenges, a deeper and more consistent walking in the Spirit is possible.

Method

A prerequisite to this course is that a person must take ADT I – Life Foundations. ADT II – Life Applications will continue to use the book, *Living in Jesus* as a resource along with the lecture handouts. Each week class time is allotted to the following:

Presentation of principles and truths – lectures that may include demonstrations or videos

Interaction - with the staff and fellow students

Outside of class – watching videos, recommended reading

Meeting Times - 11 Evening Sessions

June 5th – August 14th, 2018, on Tuesday nights, 6:00 – 9:30 PM

Session Topics are listed on the chart, “Training Topics and Requirements Overview” on p. 11.



ADT III – Life Equipping

Objective

To provide an opportunity for the ADT I and II (Life Foundations and Life Applications) graduate to learn how to master what they have personally learned in ADT. The student will become equipped in how to effectively communicate the Exchanged Life truths to their friends and family members as well as learning how to intentionally build relationships in their church and community.⁵

Method

The ADT III – Life Equipping follows the completion of ADT I and II. The focus of ADT III is to develop the teaching, listening, and interpersonal skills needed to equip others in the Exchanged Life using the book, *Living in Jesus*. ADT III – Life Equipping continues the same class format as ADT I and II, but includes group practice (in a dyad or triad format) and training with Staff Equippers. At the completion of ADT 3, the trainee will be skilled as a Life Equipper and able to begin seeking God’s appointed relationships where the student can “equip” other disciples in experiencing Christ’s life and expressing God’s grace to others. Each week class time is allotted to the following:

- **Presentation of principles and truths** – lectures that may include demonstrations and videos
- **Interaction** - with the staff & fellow students
- **Practice** – a large amount of time dedicated to practice communicating the Exchanged Life truths (done in groups of 2, 3, or 4 of your fellow students)
- **Outside of class** – personal time processing the Exchanged Life truths, internalizing and owning the truths, possible assignments to include practice with other students

Meeting Times - 13 Evening Sessions (Graduation on last night)

August 21st - November 13th, 2018 on Tuesday nights, 6:00 – 9:30 PM

Life Equipping

This course is designed to equip the ADT I and II student to come alongside another in their life situations, build intentional relationships and lead them through the Exchanged Life truths. The course includes two components, which are presented to provide effective flow of the process. The two components discuss the “package” and the “delivery” of the package. The “package” is the Exchanged Life truths that the students have processed in ADT I. This is formatted in the Life Equipping Notebook, *Living in Jesus* that contains 19 Sessions. The “delivery” involves using life-equipping skills to deliver the Exchanged Life package to another in a way that provides a safe place, honors the other person’s life and their journey of grace.

Session Topics are listed on the chart, “Training Topics and Requirements Overview” on p. 11.

⁵ Matthew 28:18-20



ADT IV – Exchanged Life Coaching (ELC)

Objective

To provide an opportunity for the student who has completed ADT I through III to learn how to effectively connect with believers (or others) and lead them to discover and realize their hope in Christ, so that they will move forward in their journey of expressing Christ's life. A person can take ADT IV – ELC after completing ADT I, II, and III. Completion signifies a fundamental understanding of life coaching and does NOT qualify the student to be a life coach in an official capacity.

Method

The ADT IV – ELC program follows the completion of ADT I, II, and III. The focus of ADT IV - ELC is training the student in advanced levels of coaching, listening, and interpersonal skills to equip others in the Exchanged Life. The ADT IV - ELC continues the same class format as ADT, including group practice (in a dyad or triad format) and training with Staff Equippers. At the completion of ADT IV - ELC, the student will be able to effectively apply these coaching principles to others and themselves. Class times will include: presentation of principles and truths (lectures that may include demonstrations or videos), interaction, practice (in groups), time outside of class (personal time processing coaching principles and possible assignments to include practice with other students).

Meeting Times - 13 Evening Sessions (Graduation on last night)

January 8th to April 9th, 2019 on Monday nights, 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Life Coaching in the Exchanged Life Truths

The ADT IV – ELC gives the student continued understanding of God's grace in specific areas of one's everyday life. It also emphasizes how to connect with another through listening and asking powerful questions, thus building a safe and healthy relationship. The student will also be trained in the skills to lead a person to move forward into what God is calling him or her.

Topics included will focus on skills to lead a person through self-discovery, goal setting, and moving toward God's calling. Staff Equippers will mentor the student and guide him or her through the learning experience.

Session Topics are listed on the chart, "Training Topics and Requirements Overview" on p. 11.



ADT V – Discipleship Counseling

Objective

To equip the student who has completed ADT I, II, III, and IV to learn how to effectively disciple (counsel) others in the Good News of God's wonderful grace in Christ (also known as the Exchanged Life truths⁶) in an informal setting. Completion signifies a fundamental understanding of discipleship counseling and does NOT qualify the student to discipleship counsel others in an official capacity.

Method

The ADT V – Discipleship Counseling internship follows the completion of ADT I, II, III, and IV. The focus of ADT V is developing the skills to disciple (counsel) others in the Exchanged Life in a vocational or pastoral setting.

Meeting Times - Individual Sessions Scheduled To Accomplish Requirements

Scheduled individually by student and staff mentor

Discipling in Grace

ADT V – Discipleship Counseling gives the student continued understanding of God's grace in specific areas of one's everyday life. It also emphasizes how to share the healing we have experienced through God's grace with the Exchanged Life discipleship counseling model in a vocational or pastoral setting. Freedom received through Christ's healing enables us to "comfort others with the comfort which we have received"⁷ as we rest in His amazing grace.

Topics included will be discipleship counseling ethics, model, flow and tools. The student will observe recorded counseling sessions as well as sit in on live discipleship counseling cases. A CFT discipleship counselor will mentor the student and guide him/her through the learning experience.

The successful completion of ADT I, II, and V will satisfy requirements for Network 220 certification and 3 hours credit in the Masters of Biblical Counseling Program at Luther Rice University (LRU). Students who desire the 3 hours of credit from Luther Rice University must confirm prior to enrollment both with LRU and CFT's training director their intent to complete the ADT for the purposes of their masters program. Students must fulfill all requirements satisfactorily with their Staff Equipper and Training Director for certification and college credit. Completion provides a fundamental understanding of the discipleship counseling process. The certificate however does not "certify" or "license" a believer to be a "Christian Counselor" or "Therapist."

⁶ Galatians 2:20

⁷ II Corinthians 1:3-5

Co-Discipleship and Counseling Observation

In ADT V – Discipleship Counseling, thirty hours of co-discipleship and discipleship counseling observation are required for certification. The following methods of discipleship counseling activity will count as credit towards the 30-hour requirement.

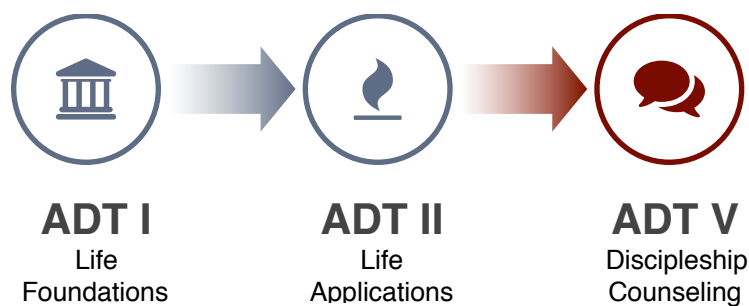
Practice co-discipleship during ADT II and ADT V classes – Up to 10 hours credit will be given for attending and participating in discipleship role-play led by CFT staff. This is normally already completed by the time the student begins ADT IV.

Video sessions – 10 hours credit will be given for the Marie Marshall series (viewed during ADT V – Discipleship Counseling). Other videos may also be required. See your Staff Equipper.

Discipleship counseling session observation – 10 hours credit will be given for observing actual discipleship counseling sessions with a CFT discipleship counselor during normal office hours. We intend for you to participate in actual discipleship counseling sessions as an observer. Time and availability may limit these opportunities, so some options are allowable. You should maintain a record of these sessions. These records should only use initials of clients, your name, staff mentor, date of session and number of hours. As there are many ADT students, observation opportunities with actual clients are on a first come, first served basis and are subject to the approval of the staff discipleship counselor.

Session Topics are listed on the chart, “Training Topics and Requirements Overview” on p. 11.

ADT 8 Week Course



March 5, 2018 - April 27, 2018

Includes ADT I, II & V (Discipleship Counseling)

Objective

To provide an opportunity for a believer to gain a deeper and more comprehensive personal and practical understanding of the Good News of God's wonderful grace in Christ, which is known as the Exchanged Life. As the believer applies these truths personally, he or she can learn to effectively communicate the Exchanged Life truths to others. Completion of the 8-week course equips the student with a fundamental understanding and does NOT qualify the student to discipleship counsel others in an official capacity.

Method

This format is a hybrid of ADT I, ADT II and ADT V. It covers the content from all of the ADT I, most of the ADT II, and all of the ADT V in 8 straight weeks. It is held in the CFT office, Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. All requirements are the same for this 8-week course as for the yearlong format offered on Tuesday nights. It is designed for people who are able to meet during the week for a consecutive 2-month period.

Summary of Training Units

Time-frame

- Tentatively scheduled for March 5th – April 27th, 2018
- Please call the office to confirm the dates and availability (requires minimum of 4 students for the course to be held)

Summary of Training Units

The 8-week course will satisfy requirements for Network 220 certification and 3 practicum credit hours for the Masters of Biblical Counseling at Luther Rice University. Students must fulfill all requirements satisfactory with their Staff Equipper and Training Director for certification and college credit. Completion provides a fundamental understanding of the discipleship counseling process. The certificate however does not "certify" or "license" a believer to be a "Christian Counselor" or "Therapist."






Training Topics and Requirements Overview

Course	Session Topics	Book, Booklet, Video, Audio Requirements	Suggested Additional Resources**	
ADT I	Introduction Concept of God Design of Humanity Needs of Humanity Purpose of Humanity The Two Trees Consequences of the Fall Development of Flesh God's Solution and Our Response The Great Exchange New Identity	Romans 5 & 6 Romans 7 & 8 Expressing His Life Growing in Grace and Knowledge Brokenness & Surrender Giving & Asking Forgiveness Law and Grace Relating Unconditionally Diagramming Flesh Life After ADT	Classic Christianity – by Bob George (book) * The Rest of the Gospel – by Stone & Gregory (book) The Naked Gospel - Andrew Farley (book) Birthright - David Needham (book) The Exchanged Life – by Hudson Taylor (booklet) A Study of the Mind - Gilliam (booklet) A Study of Romans 1 – 8 by Bob Warren * (audio) The Cross of Christ – by John Best (audio) Turkeys and Eagles – by Peter Lord (audio) Emotions: Bridges or Barriers – by Jeff VanVonderan (audio) GrowInGrace Seminar * - (live seminar)	Sacred Romance – by John Eldredge (book) Wild at Heart - Men - John Eldredge Captivating - Women - Staci Eldridge
ADT II	Codependency Marriage Divorce & Re-Marriage Parenting & Single Parenting Blended Families Sexuality & Sexual Maladjustments Trauma	Fear & Anxiety Addictions & Grace Dealing with Grief	Birthright – by David Needham (book) Bondage Breaker - Anderson (book) Faithful Forever – by Anabel Gillham (booklet) Himself - Simpson (booklet) Brokenness, The Way To Blessing – by Charles Stanley (audio) Receiving – by Jack Taylor (video) Strength of Weakness – by Jack Taylor (audio) Search for Self Worth – Malcolm Smith (audio)	Families Where Grace Is In Place – by Van Vonderen (book) Tired Of Trying To Measure Up – by Van Vonderen (book)
ADT III	Building Healthy Relationships The Heart of the Matter Listening for the Heart Living in Jesus book, Sessions 2 - 10, 13 - 15, 17 - 19 (FOCUS IS ON EQUIPPING STUDENTS TO TEACH THESE TOPICS TO OTHERS)		The Christian's Secret To A Happy Life – by Hannah Smith (book) Handbook To Happiness – by Charles Solomon (book) The Normal Christian Life – by Watchman Nee (book) Resolving Misunderstandings of the Exchanged Life - by John Best (booklet) Victory In Christ – by Charles Trumbell (booklet)	
ADT IV	Intro. to Exchanged Life Coaching The Heart to the Life Coach Coaching Relationships Hope & Exchanged Life Coaching Effective Listening Asking Powerful Questions	Turning Intentions into Actions Providing Support Exploring & Discovering Your Design, Preparation, Passions, & Calling Discovering Dreams & Destiny	Leadership Coaching - by Tony Stoltzfus (book) Christian Coaching - by Gary R. Collins (book) Pathway to Purpose - by Katie Brazelton (book) CHOOSE ONE OF THE ABOVE	
ADT V	Counseling Approaches Discipleship Ethics Listening Skills The Relationship Diagram Family Systems Taking Histories Advanced Counseling Skills Diagramming Flesh	Presenting Diagrams (Snowman) Presenting Diagrams (Line and Cross, Two Sides of Cross, Octopus) Counseling Children Dealing with Suicide Sexual Maladjustment	Foundations Of Exchanged Life Counseling – by Richard Hall (book) Liberated in the Beloved – Juan Carlos Ortiz (video) The Believer's Identity - Lee Lefebvre (video) Marie Marshall Series - Lee Lefebvre (9 videos) CFT Counseling Training Series (11 videos)	
* Attend prior to the beginning of training. The cost of this seminar is not included in the ADT Tuition ** Additional suggested reading may be recommended at the discretion of your Staff Equipper.				

Credit for Education

CFT will cooperate and coordinate as best we can with colleges, universities or seminaries that wish to offer credit for work accomplished in ADT I, II, III, IV, and V programs. Please see the director of training if you have questions about credit for your work. We will write a letter to the school outlining the requirements you have completed and assist, as best we can, in any other way your program may require.

Finances

 ADT I Life Foundations	 ADT II Life Applications	 ADT III Life Equipping	 ADT IV Exchanged Life Coaching	 ADT V Discipleship Counseling
20 Weeks	11 Weeks	13 Weeks	13 Weeks	Individually Paced
90 Hours of Group Instruction	28 Hours of Group Instruction	42 Hours of Group Instruction	32 Hours of Group Instruction	
3 Hours of Individual Supervision	Supervision Included as requested	Supervision Included	Supervision Included as requested	4 Hours of Individual Supervision
Includes Training Notebook	Includes Training Notebook	Includes Living IN Jesus Guide	Includes Training Notebook	Includes Training Notebook
Includes Cost of Weekend Retreat		Small Group Coaching Time	Small Group Coaching By Staff	Co-counseling opportunities
\$795*	\$275	\$395	\$295	\$595

(Payment method and schedule must be indicated on the ADT Application. For questions or additional information please contact the Director of Training.)

*A \$100 deposit is required with the Application Form. This \$100 is the fee for use of CFT's iPod during the courses. It is above and beyond the \$795 (ADT I). If the student takes both ADT I and ADT II, the iPod is to be returned before the end of ADT II. If the student does not continue to ADT II, then the iPod is to be returned at the end of ADT I. The iPod contains all of the listening requirements. \$50 of the deposit will be reimbursed to the student when the iPod is returned in good working order.

A Certificate of Completion or a Certificate of Participation is given at the conclusion of ADT I, II, and III. Certificates are also given after ADT IV and V.

Payment options are:



One lump sum payment with cash, check or credit card.



Monthly payments until the total is paid (which can extend beyond the duration of the program if needed). For example, for ADT I, payments of \$37.86 can be made weekly, \$75.71 can be made bi-monthly, or \$159 can be made monthly. A monthly invoice will be provided until payment is made in full.



Raising scholarship support from family, friends, church and others who desire to invest in the student and the work God is doing in his/her life (Contact the Training Director for more information on how this option has worked for past students.)



Volunteer at CFT weekly during the ADT and subsequently. (For example – approximately 66 Volunteer hours for ADT I and approximately 24 hours for ADT II for a total of 90 hours)



A combination of the options above

Loan Library

A limited number of loan books and tapes are available for student use. Audiotapes and books may be checked out overnight and must be returned within a two-week period. Videotapes may only be viewed in the office and may not be removed from the premises. Arrangements can be made for viewing DVD's and videotapes at CFT's office during or after normal business hours. Any loan books or tapes not returned will be charged to your account so that we can replace them for future students to use.

Additional Private “Discipleship”

Intensive issues that arise during the ADT process should be discussed with your Staff Equipper. Any “discipleship” needed by a student beyond the 7 hours of discipleship/equipping included in the ADT I, II, and III programs will be handled as a regular “discipleship counseling” client.

Respecting Schedules

We ask that all students gracefully respect their fellow students and staff regarding times for study, reading, and personal discipleship, as well as beginning class at the designated time.

Team Concept

Please remember that the focus of the Advanced Discipleship Training I, II, III, IV, and V is the Exchanged Life approach to discipleship. At Christian Families Today, we desire to minister to all denominations and therefore request that students refrain from focusing on, promoting or emphasizing unique denominational doctrines and/or issues. All are free to discuss denominational doctrines and/or issues with their individual Staff Equippers.

Absence

Students in the ADT I, II, III, IV and V programs are expected to attend all sessions. Each session is built upon another and every session is crucial to understanding the concepts and discipleship. If it is not possible to attend a session or if one is going to be late for a session, we ask that the student call the office or contact the Training Director. Also note that some classes are requirements for Network 220 certificates. If student misses a required class, he/she must make an arrangement with their Staff Equipper to make up these classes.

Dress

Although we do not have a dress code for ADT classes, we stress the need to maintain a professional appearance. However, we do have a dress code when observing discipleship counseling during office hours, which is business casual attire.



Housekeeping

CFT does not use a cleaning service and the staff and volunteers perform all housekeeping. We ask that students please do their part to help us keep the office “peachy” clean.



Refreshments

Coffee will be provided. Students are also encouraged to bring refreshments to share. (There will be a refreshment list so that students can sign up to bring snacks). Foods left in the refrigerator or cabinet after ADT classes become available for all to enjoy unless otherwise specified.



Schedule

ADT I, II, and III (Lecture, Breaks, “Check-out”, Video’s & Training).....	6:00 PM to 9.30 PM
ADT IV – Exchanged Life Coaching.....	6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
ADT V – Discipleship Counseling.....	Contact Training Director for details



Cell Phones

Cell phones can be used in the building. Cell phones should be off or on vibrate during sessions. If a student must take a call, he or she can step out of the room to attend to the call.



Confidentiality

Confidentiality (including while students are in the training class and outside of the training class) is foundational to a healthy ADT experience. Care must be taken to refrain from discussing any information that is personal and private. Confidentiality should be observed at all times including breaks, “check out”, commuting times, other social activities, or at home with family. Recording is not allowed. All rights are reserved by CFT.



Books and Audios

All students can purchase the required readings for ADT I, II, III, IV, and V from CFT or from online booksellers.



Building Access

Monday, Tuesday	9:00 am to 8:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am to 8:00 pm
Friday	Closed

About Christian Families Today

Christian Families Today (CFT) is a non-profit interdenominational ministry founded by Greg and Connie Brezina in 1980. CFT's purpose is to share God's grace so that others may know and worship Jesus intimately as Savior, Lord and Life in the context of family.

Encouraging others is accomplished through one-on-one Exchanged Life "Christian discipleship counseling" and "Christian life coaching", Grow In Grace seminars, Advanced Discipleship Training, marriage, parenting, and family enrichment seminars.

For further information regarding our Advanced Discipleship Training or any other CFT ministry services please contact us at:

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