



Godtown is a center for Urban Missions and Ministry Training in the Frogtown neighborhood of Saint Paul, MN. We are now bringing Transformation into Communities in other Nations!

Student Handbook

Godtown – Love God, Love People
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The Student Handbook includes contact information for the leadership team, general information about our mission, instructional design and specific policies of the Godtown mission.

Should you have a question that is not answered within these pages, please feel free to contact us.

Administrative Prerogative

The intent of this handbook is to give general guidelines for students. The leadership team reserves the right to exercise its prerogative in responding to situations or circumstances not specifically covered in this handbook. The Handbook is not a contract, nor is it intended to be so construed. The administration reserves the right to modify and/or amend the content of this Handbook at any time during the year.

Vision, Mission, and Beliefs

At Godtown, we provide:

Christ centered community and discipleship to see Him transform your life so that He can use you to transform your city and generation! Our schedule is flexible to accommodate yours. Join part-time one day a week, full time at three days a week, or make an arrangement that fits your schedule. We have a hands-on approach where you will learn to minister by doing ministry! All ages and denominations are welcome.

The Vision:

To be a visible evidence of transformation in the Frogtown community and abroad. We accomplish this by running an outreach and ministry training program that engages participants in daily prayer, active mission work and instruction. We function as a community (Koinonia), see Acts 2:42-47. We operate in the ministry model Jesus used in Luke 9, 10:1-24.

Mission Statement:

GodTown's mission is to be a visible evidence of transformation by creating safe and sober environments for young adults. The GodTown Leadership Program is designed to harness and focus the gifts of young people, groups and leaders who are excited about how they can impact their peers, family & community while learning about Christian ministry & missions.

Admissions

Are you ready to radically pursue your God-given destiny?

The Godtown Leadership Training Program team is excited that you are participating in the upcoming session. God has a great plan for your life and longs to see you step into your calling.

Godtown operates Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm. Join part-time one day a week, full time at three days a week, or make an arrangement that fits your schedule. Missionaries are also required to attend Prayer Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 7-9pm.

One of our leaders will schedule to intake meeting with you to get you started! As you explore further, consider why you want to attend the Godtown Leadership Training Program.

- If you could do anything with your life, without limitations, what would it be?
- What are your talents and spiritual gifts? What do you love to do?
- What are some areas in which you want to grow?
- Do you have any questions about the program or the Godtown mission?
- What is your availability? What days are you able to attend in Godtown?

Godtown Initiatives

- Safe City – Partnership with the Saint Paul Police, Youth Mentorship, Community Engagement
- R.O.C.K. – Reaching Our City's Kids: Children's ministry every Monday evening.
- Leadership Training Program – Hands-on ministry training for Leadership and Discipleship
- Community Gardens – Growing produce with and for our neighbors.
- Food Distribution – Reaching our neighbors through food donations every Thursday
- Hands on Missions – Construction projects, neighborhood clean-up, homeless outreach, and meeting community needs
- Missions –Global missions opportunities as well as local missions across Minnesota

Residential Living

We offer the opportunity for missional living here in Godtown. This is a wonderful opportunity to live in the very neighborhood that God perhaps has called you to. We believe strongly that following the biblical model in Acts 2:42-47 is the way that community happens. Contact leadership for more details about this exciting program.

GodTown Training Program Phases

Phases are fulfilled through completion of Contracts, personal growth, and faithfulness in attendance and commitments. There are 14 Contracts that reflect core values and foundations in being a disciple. For each Contract, read through to material, memorize a Bible verse from the packet and review it with a Phase 3 or Phase 4 leader.

Phase 1 – Hearing God

Complete Contracts 1 and 2

Why are you here at GodTown? What is God saying to you? Make a personal goal.

Phase 2 – Discipleship: Leading by Following Jesus

Complete Contracts 3-7

Faithfully implement personal character and ministry goals that you have heard from the Holy Spirit.

Phase 3 – Taking On Responsibility

Complete Contracts 8-12

Start specific assignments to bring the Kingdom of God as an Urban Missionary.

1. Practical Responsibility Assignment – e.g. hospitality, maintenance, administrative assignment
2. Ministry Assignment – specific ways God has called you to minister to and love your neighbors. E.g. start a Bible study, regularly minister to a specific family, help teach a class

Phase 4 – Leadership Role

Complete Contracts 13 and 14

Leading others in a ministry role – e.g. Training others in prayer leading, teaching a class, leading outreach, youth ministry. Discuss long-term Ministry/Life goals

Mentorship and Accountability

Growth happens in community! We strive to provide a supportive environment for you to be encouraged and challenged. Missionaries meet bi-weekly in small groups to build deep friendships, share how God is moving in their lives, and pray for one another. Godtown leaders are available to meet one-on-one with missionaries as needed.

At the beginning of each month, missionaries will fill out a brief check-in form to keep track of their progress and share anything they would like leadership to be aware of. The form is available here: <https://www.godtown.org/check-in>

Curriculum and Instructional Design

We have designed a high-quality, Holy Spirit-centered curriculum that sets attainable expectations and provides a holistic approach that centers on Transformation: first in our own hearts and then passed on to the community around us. Our curriculum includes workshop-centered instructional techniques with a hands-on focus alongside scripture and book study.

Our instructional core classes focus on:

Identity and Intimacy With God

Killing Kryptonite, 7 Longings of the Human Heart, Get Out of Your Head, Unbound, The Purpose Driven Life, Worship and Prayer Workshops, Scripture Study, Alpha

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Translating God, Dream Interpretation, I Give You Authority, Treasure Hunts

Relationships

In Community: Keep Your Love On, Culture of Honor, 5 Love Languages
Sexuality: Unmasked, Love Sex and Relationships

Stewardship and Support Raising

Secrets of the Kingdom Economy, Friend-raising, The Fully Funded Missionary

Community Outreach and Evangelism

Homeless Outreach, Treasure Hunts, Community Gardens, Evangelism Training

Opportunities Though Godtown Post-Graduation

- Mission Abroad
- Champlain License
- Become a formal leader at GodTown with a main role in the community
- Move on to a next ministry role – e.g. Start a new Godtown Mission Base
- Step into missions in the workplace

Conduct Standards

- To perform your role to the best of your ability according to the objectives of GodTown.
- To speak in a manner that is respectful, uplifting and edifying at all times.
- To follow the procedures and abide by relevant policies of Godtown.
- To have due regard for confidentiality when appropriate.
- To be present for daily commitments according to your set schedule, giving reasonable notice when this is not possible and making up absences in a timely manner.
- To always be appropriate and loving toward others and honor those in authority.

Our Commitment to you

- To provide a safe, sober environment
- To provide fair and equal treatment
- To provide mentorship and encouragement
- To provide engaging training opportunities

Attendance

Tardiness

All learning sessions will begin **promptly** at their designated times. It is critical students be prepared to begin instruction on time. A student who is late misses valuable instructional time.

Absences

In the case of illness, students will contact the leader of that instructional day. Missed time should be made up as soon as possible and any materials missed will be the responsibility of the student to complete by the due date.

Absences can be made-up by coming on another day or arranging an alternative project or activity. Workshop time may require independent study to catch up on material.

Be Self-Disciplined / Be Intentional / Be Priority Driven / Be God Directed/ Be A Listener / Be A Team Player / Be A Person of Integrity