

# HopeCity Gap Year Program

The HopeCity Gap Year Program is designed to intentionally invest in the next generation by grounding them in Scripture, shaping their hearts, and training their hands for ministry—wherever life leads them. Research shows that young adults who engage in robust discipleship programs report stronger faith commitment, higher levels of community engagement, and increased clarity in life direction. According to a Barna study, 66% of young adults who took part in intentional discipleship experiences reported feeling more prepared for adulthood and faith integration.

## The Heart

This is not a program simply for future pastors or vocational ministers (although if that is what you'd like to do, this would be a great asset). This is for everyday Christians graduated to age 20 who desire to be deeply formed in Christ, actively engaged in the local church, and equipped to serve faithfully in their future workplaces, families, and communities. Our mission is to develop spiritually mature lay leaders who live out their faith with boldness and clarity. We believe the local church thrives when lay people are equipped and empowered.



# Gap Year Program Overview

## *University-level biblical studies (4 certificate courses):*

- New Testament Introduction
- Old Testament Introduction
- Evangelism & Church Health
- New Testament Elective: Acts

## *Spiritual Formation*

Weekly discipleship with leaders to shape character and spiritual depth.

## *Practical Ministry Experience:*

Students will work alongside HopeCity Staff for hands-on ministry development.

## *Additional Ministry Opportunities:*

- Missions trip (Winter/Spring 2027)
- Serving at our Kid's and Youth Camps at Caton's Island (July 2027)
- Attending the Team Church Conference alongside HopeCity Staff (August 2027)

## *Program Details*

- Duration: September 2026 – August 2027
- Cost: Approx. \$3,000