

# Getting Started with Paul-Timothy Studies

## 1. Choose studies that fit your needs, using the *User Menu*.

- Ask your coordinator for study #2, *User Menu of Training Materials*, or download a printable copy from [www.paul-timothy.net](http://www.paul-timothy.net)
- Studies are grouped under 15 Ministries. Choose for each student a study that deals with a current need of the student's congregation.
- Find the Ministry that contains studies related to a student's need. For example, if a student wants to develop worship, then find the corresponding studies on the menu under WORSHIP.
- Keep printed studies stored separately for each ministry area, so that you can easily find them.



## 2. Most studies also have a children's version.

- Most of the studies have a one lesson for Shepherds and another for Children.
- Both lessons treat the same topic, so that children learn a Bible story related to the topic that the adults will learn. The children can act out the Bible story for the adults during worship time.
- Printed shepherd's studies have the word 'Shepherd' in their top margin, and printed children's studies have the word 'Children' in their top margin.
- Get better results with children by teaching them their lesson before they join the adults for worship, so that they will be prepared to participate along with adults..
- Children's teachers should read follow #5, "Guidelines for Children's Teachers."



**3. Ministries in the *User's Menu* include sets of studies for different topics.**

- Each Ministry area has several sets of studies. For example, the ministry “Worship” includes sets on Communion, on celebrating Jesus’ resurrection, and on other aspects of worship.
- Some sets also have supplementary studies with additional information on a topic.
- Shepherds’ studies help leaders to plan next week’s activities and the next worship.

**4. Initiate leader training by following the “Getting Started” studies.**

- Pastoral trainers follow #3, “Eleven Guidelines for Trainers.”
- Pastoral students follow #4, “Guidelines for Shepherds Being Trained.”
- Children’s teachers follow #5, “Guidelines for Children’s Teachers.”
- Other workers follow #7, “Helping a Congregation’s Body Life.”

**5. Worship leaders follow #8, “Planning and Leading Group Worship.”**

- **Coordinators** who lead workshops to initiate Paul-Timothy training may follow the *Paul-Timothy Workshop Manual*. You can download it freely from [www.Paul-Timothy.net](http://www.Paul-Timothy.net); click on ‘Workshop Manual.’
- Paul-Timothy studies help you to plan interactive, relational worship activities.
- Follow Paul-Timothy studies to prepare for a worship time in which many participate in a family atmosphere that includes children. The Holy Spirit works more powerfully in meetings where participants already have relationships.
- New Paul-Timothy studies can be written to meet your needs. If you will inform the Paul-Timothy writers about other study needs, then they will create a new studies. Let your trainers know your needs, so that they can inform the Paul-Timothy writers at [editors@paul-timothy.net](mailto:editors@paul-timothy.net)
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