

Back 2 Back Schedule Template:

Week 1: Set Expectations. Go 55'

- Pray. (mentor prays)
- Mentor sets expectations about what is going to happen. (listed in H2H Material)
- Expectations:
 - Meet weekly (or bi-monthly)
 - Be on time.
 - Do readings in advance, be prepared to discuss.
 - Confidentiality. What happens in B2B, stays in B2B.
 - "You can't lead what you don't live." The goal is not to get smarter about God, but to experience His divine power working in your heart. For that reason, live. (1 Peter 1)
 - Semester-1 year commitment?
 - Future expectation: You take a bro under your wing and do likewise with him.
- Share Testimonies. (Mentor models this first)
- Select content to be covered during meetings.
- Week 2: Model for all ongoing Meetings:
 - Pray. (eventually, alternate who prays)
 - Sharing time: Update on: (Opportunity to confess sin and be encouraged by one another.)
 - Spiritual. How is your relationship with God?
 - Relational: How are your relationships with other people going? (IE: "Wife," are you learning to listen to your wife's innermost thoughts? Co-workers. Neighbor outreach. Kids. etc.)
 - Work: How is your witness at work? Both in work quality and in work evangelism.
 - Cover content: Discuss material.
 - I do this by underlining parts I like, and just walking through the chapter page by page, saying, "oh, I really liked when the author said this. It made me think _____ and God taught me ____ about myself."
 - Goal: Know book, think, discuss, spark purpose-driven conversation.
 - WRITE down prayer requests from one another.
 - PRAY, outloud, together, for one another.
- **Do not skip any of these things.** Do not spend an inordinate time at the beginning of the meeting talking about meaningless small talk that you both know is delaying the more difficult part of the meeting that you both know God wants to do something with.

Potential Content Ideas: (time commitment is rated on a scale from (low) 1-10 (high))

- (3) Measure of a Man - Gene Getz.
 - This is a fantastic book for building character qualities in a man of God. Short weekly lessons, solid Bible content, good discussion questions at the end.
- (4) Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ - John Piper.
 - More theological but very challenging in a good way. Short chapters, easy to underline stuff and discuss.
- (5) Sacred Marriage - Gary Thomas.
 - This is the best book I have ever read about marriage. (other than the Bible) Again, reasonable chapter length, VERY applicable topics. This has changed the way I lead my marriage. It is a bit more difficult to discuss though if you read it with glazed over eyes.
- (5) Book in the Bible.
 - Reading through a book of Scripture together is a great thing to do together as men. Keeps your reading on point and forces you to THINK about the Word. For depth, I like to go passage by passage. IE, don't cover Romans 1-3 in the first week. Too shallow unless you isolate a passage.
- (7) The Search for Significance - Robert S. McGee.
 - This is a solid book. Great for exploring deeper into the heart of our sins/struggles. This will kick you in the balls but again, in a good way. For me, I am a performance driven workaholic. This book helped me explore that issue in my life and eventually develop an approach to combat that issue.
- (8) Changes that Heal - Henry Cloud.
 - This is similar to The Search for Significance in that it probes more into motives.
- (10) Future Grace. - John Piper.
 - I personally did this with my discipler for 8 months. We read 3 chapters/week and got alot out of it. Difficult reading that is loaded with Scripture. This is more challenging, but I had very fruitful discussion with this book.
- (10) Systematic Theology - Wayne Grudem.
 - This is a serious theological book, but contains questions of application and hymns to meditate on at the end of each chapter. 1015 pages. I am in the process of reading through this in a study now and it is rocking my world. Yet, this is a time commitment and I recommend this for those willing to read theology for more than knowledge sake, but to "think God's thoughts after Him."
- (6) Introduction to Christian Doctrine – Wayne Grudem. (abridged version of Systematic Theology)
- (6) Grace Based Parenting - ???
- (5) Boundaries – Henry Cloud. (Very helpful dating book)
- (4) The Dangerous Duty of Delight – John Piper. (Short version of Desiring God)
- (3) The Treasure Principle – Randy Alcorn (An excellent book on Biblical financial stewardship)
- (5) Disciplines of a Godly Man –
- (5) Emotionally Healthy Spirituality. – Peter Sczerro (About emotionally evaluating ourselves in real time)

Other ideas are welcome for this, but the above listed content items have been VERY helpful for me in my personal life and I can recommend each of them with a very clear conscience. I can bring all of these books with me to the Mentor training time.

Meeting Location Ideas:

- Meet at one another's homes.
- Sunday mornings, before church. (allow 1.5 hours of solid meeting time)
- Saturday mornings.
- Meet at a middle location between the two of your homes, but ideally, find a place where you feel comfortable sharing personal things.
- Grab lunch together if you leave nearby. ("I pay, you pray.")
- Sunday evening, no meal, just fellowship.