

Internship at the Stockbridge Boiler Room

Quite simply, the internship is about learning to be a disciple who makes disciples in the unique place God is calling them. It is a year of living in community, applying the gospel to every area their life and shouldering ministry responsibility.

The internship is approximately a 25 hour/week commitment to live and work in community at or near the Stockbridge Boiler Room leaving space to work part-time or study elsewhere. For those who feel called to continue walking with us after the first year there is the opportunity to continue the responsibilities of the internship or increase leadership responsibility depending on the season.

Philosophy

Jesus' process of discipleship was inviting twelve men to follow and watch him in order to learn to live every moment like their rabbi. This was the same methodology that Paul had when he exhorted the Corinthian church to "imitate me as I imitate Christ" and is what we invite our interns to do: learn how to follow Jesus by watching our lives. Discipleship is not just a one-on-one relationship but is being welcomed into a Kingdom Family in which we are available and vulnerable with one another. As each person opens their life to one another we will all grow in maturity as we pursue Christ-likeness.

Interns will carry some of the ministry responsibility of the Boiler Room. Each intern will discern with the Oversight Team a specific role within the community that will suite their gifting and aptitude. This will be an opportunity for interns to grow in their capacity to contribute to the life and ministry of the missional church family.

Intern Responsibilities

Prayer

We have regular rhythms of prayer as a community and interns will develop their own rhythm of at least 3 hours a week of prayer in our prayer garage.

Adopted by the Family

Each intern will have a leadership couple with whom they share a weekly meal in which they are able to share their story and process of the Boiler Room while experiencing the SBR family.

Intern Breakfast/Nitty Gritty

The SBR leaders and the interns will share a meal so they may experience hospitality, rest and fun among our kingdom family. We will also use this time as a meeting to work through the "nitty gritty" or practical aspects of the Boiler Room ministry so that we can have unity as a team.

House Commitments (Meal, Meeting, Hangout)

In order for the community life of the house to be strong, interns must invest in their housemates as their primary community for this season. This will establish the foundation for deep relationship out of which they can invite neighbors to participate. The intern team will have a weekly meal together in which they will serve one another and practice the discipline of hospitality with friends and Westside neighbors. Every other week they will have a House Meeting to work through the details of living together, and on the opposite weeks they will have time to simply have fun and get to know one another.

Serving the Community (Love Feast, Ministry Role)

Interns will serve with our community as they build relationships with neighbors at Love Feast and take up a specific ministry responsibility with the support of the leadership team.

Discipleship (Sunday Gathering, D-Group)

Our primary rhythms for helping to encourage a lifestyle of discipleship are our Sunday gathering, D-Groups, and Love Feast. We gather on Sunday evenings to be equipped for discipleship from the Scriptures. Interns will also be invited into a weekly Discipleship Group (D-Group) in which they will renew their minds with the truth of the gospel.

Personal Portfolio

Learning is a lifelong discipline that is more cyclical than linear. Rather than seeing our growth as moving from one subject to the next with no need for review, we encourage a regular rhythm of reflection on things we have already learned to allow the foundation of our maturing to be strengthened as we grow in what we know.

Each intern will have a Personal Portfolio that will be used as a tool used to articulate how we hope to guide interns toward specific desired outcomes and provide space for reflection throughout the year as to their progress. Interns and leaders will work together in this process so that we can have confidence by the end of this year that the interns are truly living into these desired outcomes.

Internship Costs

Interns living at the Stockbridge Boiler Room will not be responsible for rent as compensation for their service. Interns will, however, be responsible for utilities (water, gas, electric), their personal living expenses (food, transportation, insurance, phone, etc.) and the travel expenses of the three pilgrimages we take over the course of the year.

Interns will need to either raise support for their time at the Boiler Room or work a part-time job. Part time jobs cannot be more than 20 hours a week unless an arrangement has been determined with the SBR Oversight Team.

The primary communities we are in relationship with are the Boiler Room Families in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Kansas City, Missouri; and Hamilton, Ontario. Interns will join the SBR leadership on a road trip to each of these three communities throughout the course of the year and host at least one of them within our homes in Grand Rapids.

Desired Outcomes

By the completion of the SBR Internship will...

- reshape their lives to live more fully into the gospel through personal accountability
- walk in a sustainable rhythm of prayer
- listen and be obedient to the Holy Spirit
- grow in availability and vulnerability within Christian community
- disciple others
- develop a healthy rhythm of work and rest by shouldering responsibility in the community and practicing sabbath
- better understand themselves through a regular practice of reflection
- answer the question, "What is the Lord calling me to in this next season?"