

Christian Discipleship Level 4: Introductory

Venue 1
Gerrards Cross
Tuesdays



What does it mean to live as a Christian today? How can we grow in our faith? How do we navigate the dilemmas of life? This course helps us to review and deepen our understanding and experience of Christian living, to think through our approach to faith and how we respond to the call of God in everyday life. Drawing on the Bible, Christian tradition and contemporary experience, it will explore different approaches to worship and prayer, ethical decision-making and the outworking of our faith in mission and service.

Dates

April 24, May 1, 8,
15, 22 (not 29)
June 5, 12, 19, 26
July 3

Venue

St James Church
Oxford Road
Gerrards Cross
Bucks SL9 7DJ

Time

7.15 –
9.30pm

Tutors

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James, Fulmer)

Cost

£40 for ten
sessions

Book

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Course Outline

Date	Topic
24 April	Introduction – what is discipleship?
1 May	The rhythm of discipleship; sustaining practices and traditions; rules of life
8 May	Discipleship and the world: mission
15 May	Discipleship and the church: worship and community
22 May	Some traditions of spirituality (1)
5 Jun	Some traditions of spirituality (2)
12 Jun	Discipleship, ethics and the Bible (1)
19 Jun	Discipleship, ethics and the Bible (2)
26 Jun	Ethical issues (1)
3 Jul	Ethical issues (2)

- Aims:**
- To enable students to reflect critically on and deepen their understanding of the pattern and challenges of contemporary Christian discipleship.
 - To explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus today by providing an introduction to the methodology and content of Christian ethics.
 - To introduce students to biblical teaching on various aspects of discipleship and broaden their awareness of different Christian traditions and practices in discipleship.
 - To enable students to relate teaching on discipleship to their own lives and to leading Christian communities in discipleship and mission today.
- Content:**
- Biblical teaching on discipleship as the unifying framework for the module (e.g. Sermon on the Mount, Ten Commandments).
 - Traditional practices of formation for Christian discipleship (such as prayer, giving, confession, reconciliation, obedience, growth in virtue).
 - Basic principles of Christian moral reasoning (such as appeal to Scripture, law, virtue, love).
 - A selection of ethical issues in Christian discipleship and witness (such as creation care, violence, sexual behaviour and wealth).