



A New Approach to
Gospel-Centred Ministry Training

'Hands On' is a ministry training course provided by WLA in Coventry. The Hands-On approach to learning is based around nine intensive study days throughout the year, pooling the best parts from the other courses which WLA currently offers.

The course offers accessibility for anyone who is looking to enhance their knowledge or for those who are exploring a calling perhaps towards ministry or more formal training options.

The one Saturday a month schedule, over nine months, circles around a two-year program so candidates are free to join at any time. This flexible format offers a one-year option for students as well with the launch date for this year's course being October 2018.

The cost of the course is £550 per year which covers all learning at the Coventry centre and course materials. Relevant text books will be recommended and while these will enhance learning are not essential.

The vision of WLA is to partner with churches and in many cases course fees have been met either fully or partially by the student's home church.

The next few pages offer an overview of the learning program from October 2018.





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HANDS ON INTENSIVE PROGRAMME 2018-19

Date	Intensive
20 th October	Theology of Paul
17 th November	Biblical Exegesis
15 th December	Eschatology
19 th January	Pneumatology
16 th February	Making Disciples
16 th March	The Pentateuch
13 th April	Urban Research
18 th May	Doctrine, Person & Ministry of Christ
15 th June	Evangelism

Intensive Topics Summary

Theology of Paul

Have our traditionally held views of Paul always been right? Looking at Paul's Jewish roots, his attitude to the Romans and the fledgling church this session will seek to unpack Paul's thought processes and seek the relevance for the church's mission today.

Biblical Exegesis

If you are a full time Christian worker, preacher, volunteer or just a Christian who wants to expand their knowledge, correct exegesis of Scripture is massively important. This module will demonstrate what can happen with bad exegesis and the golden rules for correct exegetical study.

Eschatology

This 'study of the last things' module provides a challenging insight into some key areas of theology and debate surrounding such topics as heaven and hell and Christ's return. Both areas are under great attack either through the general ignorance or omission of discussion and teaching around such or more direct challenges. This module will equip the student to better understand and debate these important issues.





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Pneumatology

The study of the Holy Spirit – Who is He? A dove? Fire? A rushing wind? A Bible nerd? The One who make me feel special on a Sunday? This topic will look at what Scripture has to say about the Holy Spirit and use this to check where the Church has come in its understanding and what a more balanced view might be. As a full member of the Godhead have we underestimated His impact or over used His gifts for our own purposes?

Making Disciples

The ‘forgotten gospel’ of disciple making is a central theme of this module. Over the centuries, the church in the West has comfortably slipped into her programmes and reduced the demand on would be followers to a set of simple statements of faith to believe or reject. A disciple centred gospel sees conversion and discipleship as two sides of the same coin – you cannot have one without the other. This module will challenge the student to think through the gospel they are communicating to others.

The Pentateuch

We all know the first five books of the Bible was written by Moses but how much more do we know and how relevant is Leviticus to us today? This module delves deeper into the Pentateuch and will shed fresh light and perspective on stories and events we thought we already knew.

Urban Research

How can research and the message of the Gospel mix? Why do we need research if we have the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us? This Urban Research module is designed to whet the appetite of the student to the importance of research of a community especially in a fast changing and often multi-cultural urban context. It will demonstrate how well conducted research can aid the missional practitioner and open doors for the Gospel once a deeper understanding of the community is realised.

Doctrine – Person & Ministry of Christ

Perhaps one of the most important questions Jesus asked was, ‘who do you say that I am?’ (Mark 8:29). People’s answers to this over the centuries have had serious theological implications as they have wrestled with such things as the divinity and humanity of Christ, the atonement and much more.





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Evangelism

Is evangelism still relevant in our Western post-modern culture of today? Surely this is the job of the 'professional Christian' Can we still use the traditional models of evangelism to reach the lost for Jesus? Is it even our job to do so? This module will seek to explore the good, the bad and the ugly of evangelism and concludes with a way forward in which ordinary people can still advance the Gospel message in their everyday life situations.

Further Information

The learning modules have been carefully designed to stretch the students both academically and spiritually. Course notes, book lists and when appropriate recordings of sessions will be made available to download from the WLA website. At the end of each session the lecturer will set an essay question based on the learning delivered, these essays are due by the next intensive. To graduate from the course all essays must be completed.

All intensives are held at Bethel Church and start at 9.15am.

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