

HANDS ON

A New Approach
to Gospel Centred
Ministry Training



1 day intensive per month – over 9 months

- One or two year option
- Flexible entry with monthly intake
- Midlands based learning centre
- Immediate practical application in your ministry setting

Modules Include:

- Bible Handling
- Leadership
- Media & the Gospel
- Mission on the Frontline

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"Hands On has been both helpful and challenging in equal measure in that it has widened my horizons when it comes to Biblical study and interpretation." – Gordon

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Hands On' is a practical 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.

Hands On 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 from October to June circles around a two-year program.

The cost of the course is £550 per year. This covers all learning at the Coventry centre and course materials. Relevant textbooks 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.





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HANDS ON INTENSIVE PROGRAMME 2020/21

Date	Intensive
19 th September	The Pentateuch – <i>Dave Gidney</i>
17 th October	Survey of Romans – <i>Keith Foster</i>
21 st November	Apologetics & Other Faiths – <i>Joshua Kindness</i>
19 th December	Eschatology – <i>Dan Yarnell</i>
16 th January	The Theology of Paul – <i>Keith Foster</i>
27 th February	Pneumatology – <i>Joshua Kindness</i>
20 th March	Doctrine - Person & Work of Jesus – <i>Jim Murkett</i>
24 th April	Disciple Making – <i>Simon Smailus</i>
22 nd May	Theodicy – <i>Dave Gidney</i>
19 th June	Urban Research & Mission – <i>Joshua Kindness</i>
17 th July	New Testament Overview - <i>Keith Foster</i>

Intensive Topics Summary

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.

Survey of Romans

Survey of Romans will delve into this popular New Testament book and seek to challenge some of the long held traditional view of Pauls writing.

Apologetics & Other Faiths

Where does apologetics fit in 21st Century Christianity? Is it still needed? With an ever increasing search for spirituality it is important for Christians to be equipped not only to defend their faith but to promote it effectively as well.





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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.

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.

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 overused His gifts for our own purposes?

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.

Disciple Making

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.





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Theodicy (God & Suffering)

A common objection and question by many is: “if there is a God, then why does He allow such suffering?” - This module will consider the biblical perspective of God and suffering seeking to equip the student to confidently engage and communicate such truths and hope within a broken and hurting world.

Urban Research & Mission

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 researching 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.

New Testament Overview

Who wrote most of the New Testament? Which of the Gospel writers personally knew Jesus? What is the ‘New perspective on Paul’ all about? How do we make sense of Revelation? How can I read and apply the New Testament more effectively in my life and ministry?

Additional 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 via a shared system called Slack. 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 and passed.

All intensives are held at Bethel Church start at 9.15am and finish at 3.00pm

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