

- Do you want to grow in your knowledge of God and your understanding of the Bible and Christian Theology?
- Are you ready for systematic, disciplined and in-depth personal study?
- Are you willing to learn from others in small discussion groups?
- Do you want to make use of your God-given gifts for ministry and mission in the local church?

Then, GOLD Project courses may offer what you want.

## Group-based Open Learning Discipleship

The Group-based Open Learning Discipleship (GOLD) Project offers courses that are designed to be accessible even if you have no previous theological study as well as to encourage you to engage with the Bible at a deeper level. The courses have something for you whether you feel called to involvement in different avenues of ministry and mission in the local church or if you simply want to work out how to live more effectively as a Christian in daily life whether at home or in workplace and society.

The courses focus on developing foundational knowledge of the Bible and interpretation and also provides skills for effective involvement in local Christian leadership, enabling you to engage in disciplined self-study, biblical interpretation, listening to others, evaluating different points of view, expressing one's own view and writing short assignments.

## Course Units Offered

### Old Testament

- Discover God's Ancient Story: Genesis (5 Blocks)
- Foundations of God's Covenant Community: Exodus to Deuteronomy (5 Blocks)
- Historical Books of the Old Testament (10 Blocks)
- Worship and the Psalms (10 Blocks)
- Prophecy in the Old Testament (10 Blocks)

### New Testament

- Encountering Jesus and the Kingdom (1): Mark and Matthew (5 Blocks)
- Encountering Jesus and the Kingdom (2): Luke and Acts (5 Blocks)
- Discover Life: The Gospel of John (5 Blocks)
- Foundations of Love and Hope: Letters of John and Revelation (5 Blocks)
- Discover Christian Living (1 and 2): The Letters of Paul (5 Blocks)

## Christian Studies

Introduction to Christian Theology (10 Blocks)

Introduction to Christian Ethics (10 Blocks)

Introduction to Church History (10 Blocks)

## How does it work?

You receive interactive course materials which you work through on your own. You also attend a local tutorial group to discuss what you are studying. These are led by a trained facilitator, and give you a chance to share your ideas and discoveries, learn from other people's, and have the support of other Christians. You can expect to gain increased confidence in understanding and interpreting the Bible and the ability to assess and evaluate different opinions.

### Will it be too hard – or too easy?

The course units are designed to help you learn, whatever your academic level. Many who do not consider themselves 'good at learning' are surprised at their abilities. Others with advanced qualifications are stretched and challenged in their thinking. The Bible raises hard questions and we try not to duck them. The course units will stimulate you to understand various viewpoints. They encourage you to interact with the text of the Bible itself, to think through issues from a sound basis of biblical understanding and to come to your own conclusions, convictions and plans for action.

### Workload

Each course unit consists of five main blocks, each divided into eight lessons. You are free to go at your own pace and your group is free to decide how much you should study before each tutorial. If you study one block over two weeks, you will need to set aside 4 to 5 hours a week for studying on your own, and to attend a fortnightly tutorial group for an hour or two.

### Qualifications

The GOLD Project is not accredited but offers Gold, Silver, and Bronze certificates to students who successfully complete 180, 120 or 60 credits. For further information, visit our website

### Cost

Each 5 Block course unit costs £50 per student.

Each 10 Block course unit costs £65 per student.

## What People Say



**Peter Kay:** I found it an excellent way in - the course materials were very good, my group was a mixed, very friendly bunch...



**Gay Carpenter:** Each module was like a new box of treasure. Just as marvellous as the study was the close fellowship that developed among us as we discussed what we'd studied.



**Amanda Furlong:** The course enabled me to study the Bible in far greater depth than I could ever do on my own. The tutorials are something I really look forward to.



**David Wenham:** What a fine course! I wish all theological students had the chance to do something as thorough, interactive and valuable.



**Dia Moodley:** I am excited about the way the courses are appropriate to people of many backgrounds.



**Michael Huggins:** I firmly believe that the future of Britain requires a radical change of priorities within our churches. We need to seriously disciple our people far beyond Alpha.

## Further Information

### Contact:

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