

Overview of five core modules being offered from September 2020:

The Way of Discipleship: Being with God - 7 sessions

- Session 1: Starting on the Way
- Session 2: Discipleship and God
- Session 3: Discipleship and my journey
- Session 4: Being with God in Worship
- Session 5: Being with God in Prayer
- Session 6: Being with God in Scripture
- Session 7: Being with God in a balanced life

The Way of Discipleship: Becoming Like Christ - 5 sessions

- Session 1: Jesus - His life
- Session 2: Jesus - His death and resurrection
- Session 3: Becoming like Christ in my character and priorities
- Session 4: Becoming like Christ in my relationships
- Session 5: Becoming like Christ in difficult times

The Way of Discipleship: Joining in with the Spirit - 5 sessions

- Session 1: The big picture of God's mission, the Kingdom and the Spirit.
- Session 2: Joining in with the Spirit in all of life
- Session 3: Joining in with the Spirit in making disciples
- Session 4: Joining in with the Spirit in being a blessing as a community
- Session 5: Joining in with the Spirit in the battle

The Way of Discipleship: Knowing the Story and Bible Confidence - 5 sessions

- Session 1: What is the Bible and how to read it.
- Session 2: Creation and Calling
- Session 3: Freedom and Longing
- OPTION OF VISIT TO SYNAGOGUE AND PASSOVER MEAL AT THIS POINT.
- Session 4: Gospels and Kingdom
- Session 5: Church and Future Hope

The Way of Servant Leadership - 8 sessions

- Session 1: Defining servant-leadership
- Session 2: The way Jesus led
- Session 3: Leadership in the Early Church
- Session 4: Knowing my gifts part one
- Session 5: Knowing my gifts part two
- Session 6: The cost and staying the course
- Session 7: Discerning direction and God's calling - whole day with an option for time with a mentor to look at future pathways.
- Session 8: Developing others

Overall method

The only aims of these pathways are to form disciples and servant leaders for all of life. Whether people go on to any form of further church ministry is a separate question.

The titles of the core three modules give a simple framework for knowing what discipleship is - the first step in establishing a culture. Being with God. Becoming like Christ. Joining in with the Spirit. Before we have even begun the pathway we have a good sense of the life of discipleship in a way all can understand.

Each module is 5-7 weeks (Servant Leadership 8 Saturday mornings).

The aim is accessibility - the aim would be that all the core content of each session would be delivered, with some extended material available for differentiation. The material will be easy to deliver, and encourage mutual leading.

The modules will be partially about establishing "mental maps" - knowing some core content and information and forming people theologically. But the key emphasis will be on experiencing habits and practices which form disciples long term - discipleship as lived experience. The ideal should be that if the pathway is effective, people should have confidence to grow in their own journey, and to grow others.

There will be lots of extended material made available for those who want follow-on learning and development.

All material will be available online so if sessions are missed they can hopefully be caught up.

Modules can be done in lots of different ways - fortnightly, some on Saturdays etc. They don't have to be completed in one year. Facilitators don't need to deliver them all. It will be up to people in their local context to decide.

There will be a service in June as a celebration for anyone who has done modules, with some form of certificate - though the main aim is to commission people for everyday discipleship.

Each session will combine content, modelling, practice and accountability (over time). This reflects the fact that just as we learn a language by having core content, imitating a genuine speaker and then practising in a real environment, Jesus formed his disciples through teaching, demonstration, and sending out.

The modelling will be done in two ways. The creation of videos of local people (representing the diversity of the area) sharing their stories, and the course facilitator offering their own experience.

Outline of a typical session:

7.30 Worship - modelling different traditions / approaches.

7.40 Sharing reflection on practice out of last week.

7.45 Core content delivered – scripted for consistency, but also available as bullet points which can be adapted to local contexts, with enough flexibility to enable facilitators to have input. Draws on Anglican traditions at points.

8 Modelling: video of local people sharing experience. Facilitator sharing experience.

8.15 Participants sharing reflections / experience.

8.30 Scripture exploration using Discovery Bible Study questions. While simple, these encourage personal response, model engaging with the Bible so that people learn by doing, and enable facilitators to be rotated.

8.50 Personal response and practice for coming week.

Explanation of available differentiated follow-on materials and relevant resources that can be used more widely – offering participants a menu they can access after the module, and things to use with others in their churches.

9 Prayer

Relation of this pathway to licensed/commissioned/authorised pathways.

If people have completed (whether over one year or more) four out of the five modules, namely Being with God, Becoming like Christ, Joining in with the Spirit, and Know the Story and Bible Confidence – 22 sessions in all (7, 5, 5, 5), that is enough preparation to explore further ministry pathways.

People should be able to demonstrate they have in some way completed all the content before embarking on a licensed pathway. That is why having catch up material online is crucial.

Part of the Way of Servant Leadership pathway could offer the opportunity to explore vocation more specifically in the second half of the course.

They will have gained significant Bible confidence through the content of all of the core four modules.

Further possible modules available online for local / hub delivery / learning pathways

During 2021:

Modules on:

Discipleship for All ages
Sharing Faith naturally
Knowing My Gifts
Being Set Free in All of life

Possibly in 2021 or later:

Prayer workshop
Knowing your church and community
Personality and prayer
Making good ethical choices
Church history
Anglicanism
Experiencing other faith traditions
Doing discipleship as a whole church
Effective small groups
Developing a rule of life
Conflict resolution

Whether these are courses, events, resources that can be offered depends on how overloaded we feel people are with material!