



Foundations in Kingdom Theology

Prison Edition

At WTC, we've been praying for over ten years that we would be able to offer study options to people in prison. Since beginning some in-person teaching inside of HMP The Mount, our Prison Programme Director was approached by numerous chaplains asking whether we could provide our Kingdom Theology courses in their prisons as well.

To this end, we are pleased to announce that we will be offering a **WTC Certificate: 'Foundations in Kingdom Theology (Prison Edition)'** This is a non-accredited entry level course pitched at Level-3. All lectures will be fully-remote and pre-recorded, so that chaplains can facilitate these classes at a time that is best suited for their prison regime.

This course would be ideal for anybody who has a faith and would like to take their discipleship journey to the next level. For example, it could work as a follow-on from a Prison Fellowship or Bible Society course.

A prison-leaver who recently studied the live version of our Foundations Course says,

*"I have never studied the Bible before like I am now, and honestly, I love it. The teaching is really clear, and for someone like myself coming from my background, I am finding the information absorbable... **The world of Theology is a whole other world – a really exciting one!**"*

The Prison Edition consists of 24 video lectures by WTC Teaching Faculty, with notes to accompany. Each session consists of 2 x 15-20 minute talks, designed to be followed by a group discussion facilitated by a chaplain or local church volunteer.

Modules include Biblical Studies, Christian beliefs and practices, early Church history, and leadership development.

[Click here to watch a brief overview of the course](#)

[Click here to watch a 7 minute introductory taster from the first lecture](#)

We will issue a Certificate of Completion at the end of the 24-week course, and we strongly encourage chaplains to hold a graduation ceremony to commemorate the completion of this course.

Hosting the Foundations Course in a Secure Environment

Our lectures will be made available to chaplains through prison-secure DVDs, which will be distributed by the Bible Society. These will come with a workbook for each participant along with a facilitator's guide. It will be up to the chaplain/volunteer to monitor attendance and report back who has completed the course so that their certificate can be issued.

We ask that if possible, the chaplain/volunteer source a TV or other large screen inside the prison when playing the videos. There will be moments in each lecture where you are invited to pause for group discussion.

Modules

The Biblical Story: Creation to New Creation

with Dr Freddy Hedley & Prof Ben Blackwell

8 Sessions

This module traces the story of God's work in the world throughout the Bible so believers can understand their place within it. To help people not to get lost in the various characters and episodes, we orientate students to the central movement from creation to new creation by attending to God's redemptive work with the people of Israel and the church. We particularly focus on the themes of covenant and kingdom to explore this story, helping people to understand Jesus' life, death, and resurrection in the power of the Holy Spirit and what this means for us today.

Early Church History

with Dr Jasper Knecht

4 Sessions

This module helps students understand the transition from the biblical narrative to its embodiment in the life of the church. We focus on the foundations of the Church by exploring the theology and practice of the earliest Christians in the first and second centuries after the New Testament. We explore how they navigated this new faith in the complexities of diverse and pluralistic cultures, how they faced the challenge of remaining faithful despite external pressures and how they

expressed the Christian faith in coherent and vibrant ways amidst internal disputes.

Christian Beliefs and Practice

With Dr Lucy Peppiatt

8 Sessions

This module helps students understand the coherence of and beauty of God's identity and work in the world and our place in it. The content focuses on the central aspects of our faith by exploring questions concerning the Trinity, Jesus the God-man, the nature of revelation, and the person of the Holy Spirit. Importantly, the teaching shows how these key doctrines affect our discipleship, worship, and mission today.

Growing in Leadership

With Bev Murrill, MA

This module addresses the development of the basic characteristics enabling Christians to lead with integrity, wisdom, humility and insight. The focus is on dealing with the leader's inner life, with the understanding that most of the failures in Christian leadership are more to do with undealt-with flaws of the heart than lack of leadership skills. No leader is immune to the subtleties of ministry pressures and this module looks at the ways in which leaders can be aware of their own insecurities and maintain transparency before God and colleagues in order to safeguard not only themselves but those they lead.