

# Venue Training Institute 2018

## Course Descriptions

### Level 1 Courses

#### **Gospel Living**

(Deadline to sign up: January 15/Collaborative Learning time: February 25)

This course is all about the very heart of the Christian life. Living a gospel centered life rooted and built up in Christ crucified, raised and ascended for us, is the goal and power of the Christian life. Learn to walk in the gospel. The gospel is not just the message we proclaim, it is also the message that shapes our identity, relationships, the nature of the church, mission and everyday life. It is all about living a gospel centered life. This course is ideal for those who want to grow spiritually and develop a gospel-centered approach to life.

#### **The Holy Spirit**

(Deadline to sign up: March 15/Collaborative learning time: April 29)

Discover the Holy Spirit from a gospel perspective. Learn to discern and enjoy the work of the Holy Spirit in everyday discipleship and mission. The Holy Spirit is often the forgotten member of the Trinity or His work is emphasized apart from the gospel. This course helps us see the central role of the Holy Spirit in creation and redemption. Understanding the work of the Holy Spirit empowers and shapes gospel mission and discipleship in the local church. This course is ideal for those who want to learn more about this forgotten person of the trinity and how it impacts our lives and ministries.

#### **Engaging with Context**

(Deadline to sign up: April 15/Collaborative learning time: June 3)

The gospel is the best guide to contextualization. This course sets out timeless principles from Paul's letter to the Corinthians before moving into a biblical view of urban, suburban and rural contexts. You will find practical help and exercises to think through how to speak the gospel into your neighborhood. This course is ideal for those who want to be better equipped in sharing the gospel with clarity concerning context. It is also ideal for someone who wants to better understand the challenges that come with perspective rural, urban, or suburban communities.

#### **Gospel Community**

(Deadline to sign up: May 15/ Collaborative learning time: June 24)

In this course you will learn the key characteristics of life in a gospel community, and how to play your part in forming gospel community where you are. The Christian life is to be lived in

the context of community on display to the world. Taking Romans 12 as its key text, this course will help you learn what Christian community should look like and how it is rooted in the gospel. Through the course you'll be challenged to think about your own role in the church and be helped to build community on mission around the gospel.

## **Evangelism**

(Deadline to sign up: August 15/Collaborative learning time:Sept 30)

Learn how to share the gospel in everyday life with friends and neighbors. This course teaches the importance of a church community in evangelism and making the gospel message relevant in everyday life. If our heads and our hearts are full of Jesus, then our conversations about him will flow out naturally. When Jesus captivates hearts, and lives are shaped by the gospel, evangelism happens far more naturally and frequently in everyday conversation. This course doesn't teach techniques but a gospel view of everyday life to help Christians help non-Christians to understand the gospel. It gives us a big vision of Jesus and teaches us the benefits of doing evangelism as part of a church community that lives ordinary life with gospel intentionality.

## **Understanding Leadership**

(Deadline to sign up: Sept 15/Collaborative learning time:Oct 28)

Leaders should be examples to others of a gospel-centered life. This course helps us recover the gospel heart and goal of leadership. It is for everyone who wants to understand how to support leaders and how to exercise leadership in their own sphere of influence as disciple-makers, small group leaders, parents and church leaders. The gospel sets the goals and nature of leadership. We all, at some time, will exercise influence over others in our relational sphere. We may become parents, small group leaders, disciplers of new believers, or church leaders. This course helps us to understand the gospel heart and goal of leadership so that we can support those in leadership over us and model good leadership to others.

## **Gospel Relationships**

(Deadline to sign up: October 15/Collaborative learning time: Dec 9)

The gospel transforms all our relationships. It resolves conflict, and gives new purpose to friendships, parenting and marriages. In this course you will discover how you can be freed to serve and love others with gospel intentionality. Relationships are fundamental to our identity, yet they are fraught with difficulty, fear, conflict and uncertainty. Coming to Christ puts us automatically into relationship with a community of his people. The gospel enables relationships to fulfill their purpose and design. In these nine units you will cover a gospel approach to key relationships and how to navigate some of the major blockages to serving each other.