

Venue Training Institute 2018

Course Descriptions

Level 2 Courses

New Testament Introduction

(January 15-March 30)

Work through an introduction to the New Testament with a particular focus on the book of Mark and a general overview of every book. This course leads you through a detailed introduction to all the books of the New Testament, with a deep-dive into the gospel of Mark. Think through the preaching, teaching, theological and missional applications of topics you cover. This course is offered through Crosslands Seminary

- Lesson 1 – History and theology in the Gospels. Mark 1-5
- Lesson 2 – Introducing the Gospels. Mark 6:1-8:30
- Lesson 3 – Introducing John. Mark 8:31-13:37
- Lesson 4 – Introducing Matthew and Luke. Mark 14-16
- Lesson 5 – Preaching and teaching the Gospels
- Lesson 6 – Ungraded assignment
- Lesson 7 – Acts, Romans and Galatians. The Old Testament background to Paul
- Lesson 8 – Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. Paul's Gospel
- Lesson 9 – 1 & 2 Corinthians. Further aspects of Paul
- Lesson 10 – Pastoral Epistles, Hebrews and Revelation
- Lessons 11-12 – Graded assignment

Ideal for those who want a seminary level overview of the New Testament for the purpose of personal study or teaching.

Systematic Theology I

(April 1-June 30)

The Systematic Theology 1 course is an attempt to systematically present what the Apostle Paul called “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). Students will study biblical topics by examining particular biblical passages, reading through Wayne Grudem’s Systematic Theology, and inspecting the [Bethlehem Affirmation of Faith](#). The student’s learning will be solidified through discussion questions and various homework assignments. This course is the first of two semesters, progressing through roughly the first half of a systematic theology, including the doctrines of Scripture, the Trinity, God’s sovereignty, election, creation, sin, Christology, and soteriology. This course is offered in partnership with Bethlehem College and Seminary.

Course Overview

- A doctrine of Scripture
- The Trinity
- God’s eternal purpose and election

- Creation: the universe and man
- A doctrine of sin
- Jesus Christ and his saving work

Course Format

A series of 12 lessons that each include an introduction, lesson objectives, inductive Bible study, critical interaction with secondary sources, comprehension questions, video and audio content, and discussion questions if studying with a group.

Cross Cultural Mission

(September 1 - November 31)

This course leads you through the foundations and nature of world mission, looking at the challenges of living and communication in a cross-cultural context and how the gospel equips us to cope and flourish. This course is ideal for:

Those considering or approaching missionary service in another culture

Aspiring and existing church leaders, church planters and their teams, apprentices and interns

Pastors with busy schedules who want to grow in ministry skills and gospel direction in their cross-cultural mission activities

Leadership teams and church planting core groups who want to reach those of different cultures

Existing church ministers who want to 'top-up' their theology with a course that has a strong missional, evangelical and reformational emphasis

Brought to you by Crosslands, the Cross-Cultural Mission course is divided into 8 lessons:

- Lesson 1 – Biblical foundations
- Lesson 2 – Paul's missionary practice
- Lesson 3 – Missionary history
- Lesson 4 – Missionary paradigms
- Lesson 5 – Cross-cultural character
- Lesson 6 – Cross-cultural communication
- Lesson 7-8 – Assignment