

The Certificate in Theology & Discipleship for Mission helps you to develop your understanding of God's call in your life. Through in-depth study of the Gospel of Mark, theological reflection, and personal engagement with the materials, guests, and teachers, you will gain deeper knowledge of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, how others have made that journey in mission, and how the Spirit is leading you in the Way of Christ.

There will be:

- sharing of ideas and experiences, articles and resources to read & books to explore.
- speakers telling how their faith has led them into different sorts of mission of word and deed.
- monthly assignments, designed to help you on your journey.

Work is not marked. Feedback from other students as well as the course leaders, is given about the ideas presented, and further reading or points that might help you develop your own understanding.

"The respect we have had for each other has been a real blessing, because it has felt like a completely safe space to share thoughts, questions, doubts and fears".



Group learning is essential to the course:

"Learning from one another and positive feedback and encouragement with my project" are the most helpful aspects of the course for almost all attendees.

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What sort of people can come ?

Anyone who wants to feel more confident as a follower of Jesus, and to know their personal mission.

New Christians will deepen their understanding of who Jesus was and what being a disciple means.

Long-term Christians will be invited to explore aspects of faith from outside their own experience and see what that teaches them.

All will experience different ways of praying and listening to God.

If you've done academic learning before, this course will help you put that into practice in your life.

I've learnt "That it matters whether or not I share my faith through my art, that I/it can make a difference."

My biggest challenge was "Discipleship, putting Christ at the centre, and following His example".

I was challenged to: "Make a connection between work and what God wants me to be doing"

Challenged by "Proclamation/evangelism"

"As I progressed through the course, I began to see my mission project as something personal to me / fitting within my context, which makes my mission something that is life giving to me."

"The course has helped me with a much broader definition of evangelism which has helped my fear and misunderstanding".



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IN THEOLOGY and DISCIPLESHIP for MISSION
October 2022 – July 2023**

Co-ordinator: Rev Dr Rob Hoch
Associate Co-ordinator: Rev Dr John Vincent

In addition to students learning from each other, UTU members and associates involved in practical mission join the teaching and facilitating team. We will meet by Zoom on Mondays, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

The aim of the Course is to facilitate the development of each participant's own personal discipleship and theology and work towards a new or changed engagement in mission.

The detailed course content is reviewed during the year, based on student feedback, but basically consists of—Bible study; contemporary theology, including liberation theologies; personality temperaments; urban theology—including public theology, social and political development; discipleship; missiology (proclamation, practical service, prophetic action for justice, including kingdom evangelism); rule of life; spirituality.

There are pieces of study and writing to do between sessions—not long essays, but varying from a couple of paragraphs to 2-sides of A4, designed to help people in their thinking. We finish with each person giving a presentation of their personal understanding of what God is currently calling them to, what that is based on Biblically and theologically, and how they will sustain themselves on their future discipleship journey.

Dates:

<u>Autumn 2022</u>	<u>Spring 2023</u>	<u>Summer 2023</u>
10 Oct & 24 Oct	9 Jan & 23 Jan	8 May & 22 May
7 Nov & 21 Nov	6 February & 20 Feb	12 June & 26 June
5 Dec	6 March & 20 March	

Cost: £225.00, includes books & resources supplied to all participants
(plus £45 full /£16.50 low-income UTU membership, if not already a member).
Grants may be obtainable from churches in Sheffield.

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