



“ It has reminded me again and again that our priority needs to be one of pushing people towards God. ”

“ Something about this course is spilling over into daily living, equipping and anointing. ”



INTRODUCTION

Throughout the Bible, God’s shepherd-heart for his people is revealed. He wants them cared for effectively and compassionately.

Inevitably, pastoral work often involves helping people to solve life issues, but it is also one of the five-fold ministries of Ephesians 4:11-16, to equip God’s people to function effectively as members of Christ’s Body.

The course aims to help equip pastorally-gifted and/or motivated individuals to reflect God’s heart through a foundation of pastoral theology, an awareness of some main issues and a selection of ‘pastoral tools’.

WHAT’S THE COURSE LIKE?

The Pastoral Training Course meets on one Saturday each month from October to July.

A typical day begins at 9.00 a.m. and finishes at 5.00 p.m. Lunch is provided, as well as refreshments at mid-morning and mid-afternoon.

Four assignments are set each month to reinforce and develop some of the topics further.

Venue for the course, 50 Nuxley Road DA17 5JG

Dates: 2010 - Oct 16th, Nov 6th, Dec 11th, - 2011 Jan 8th, Feb 5th, Mar 5th, Apr 2nd, May 7th, Jun 11th Jul 9th

The last course day in July, finishes with the presentation of certificates and awards.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE COVER?

Pastoral Theology

This is the basis of the course (and of pastoral ministry). It is covered in seven lectures (over the 10 months of the course), based on Psalm 23.

Specialist topics

Over 25 specific areas are introduced, from categories such as Models of Care, Basic Skills, The Inner Person, Therapies, The Home and Crisis Issues. They are covered by lectures (from experienced pastors and specialists) and discussion groups, together with practical sessions and assignments.

HOW DOES A TYPICAL COURSE DAY RUN?

8.45 a.m.	Coffee on arrival
9.00 a.m.	Worship
9.15 a.m.	Tutorial Groups: to talk over progress and deal with assignments
9.45 a.m.	Pastoral Theology
10.45 a.m.	BREAK
11.00 a.m.	Topic 1 — Part 1
12.00 noon	Topic 1 — Part 2
1.00 p.m.	LUNCH
1.45 p.m.	Discussion Groups: to discuss the reading assignment topic
2.30 p.m.	Topic 2 — Part 1
3.30 p.m.	BREAK
3.45 p.m.	Topic 2 — Part 2
4.45 p.m.	Worship
5.00 p.m.	Close

WHAT DO THE ASSIGNMENTS INVOLVE?

Assignments usually take a couple of hours each to complete. They are not intended to be “academic”, but to encourage and develop thinking from a pastoral viewpoint.

Four assignments are set each month —

Bible Study:

— a guided study of Proverbs, highlighting pastoral issues.

Reading Assignment:

— to prepare for group discussion the next month, using books provided.

Specialist Topic Assignment:

— to develop a topic further or to give some hands-on experience in the home church setting.

Home Church Mentor Meeting:

— to root the course into the local church by interviewing a leader about one of the topics.

WHAT’S INCLUDED IN THE COURSE FEE?

- Ring binder and set of dividers
- Comprehensive notes (to build up as a resource for the future)
- All set reading books
- Refreshments
- Lunch

Cost per person: £100

