

BBS Study Week Syllabus

Walking with God (5) PRA07



Overview

Personal faith and discipleship are important aspects of our lives. Here students will be encouraged to explore the concept of walking with God, helped to assess their spiritual development and be offered practical help for the journey.

This is one of our Practical Modules forming part of our *Applied Biblical Studies* course. Students working towards a British Bible School award will receive 5 Module Credits upon completion of all given assignments.

Module content

- From the meaning of life to the reality of death, this module revisits the story of God as revealed in Scripture and considers our place within that story.
- The concept of discipleship will be examined within the contexts of the mission of God and contemporary culture.
- Matters of personal devotion, prayer and reading will be considered with a view to helping students develop good practice on our personal journeys.
- The cost of discipleship and the value of self-denial will be explored in light of the teachings of Jesus and later New Testament teachings.
- Some practical aspects of spiritual development and growth will be introduced along with implications for a life walking with God.
- The idea that emphasis on 'church membership' and 'church planting' has tended to nurture a rather ecclesiocentric approach to faith, often to the exclusion of the development of personal discipleship, will be introduced and explored.

Module outline

Unit 1 - The journey - the story of God

Unit 2 - Discipleship - a way of life

Unit 3 - Devotion - sustenance for the journey

Unit 4 - Sacrifice - giving up and letting go

Unit 5 - Transformation - becoming like God

Unit 6 - Companionship - fellow travellers on the way

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this module the student will:

- understand more of how our story fits into the story of God
- have a deeper understanding of what being a disciple of Jesus involves
- have developed a devotional plan which he/she might choose to use in their daily walk
- have carried out a 'cost-counting' exercise as part of their assessment of personal progress on the journey
- be more eager than ever to encourage others to walk with them as they walk with God.

Student assignments

These are optional but are required for those wishing to complete all Learning outcomes and attain Module credit towards a British Bible School award. Details of assignments will be made known during the Study Week. Assignments are due to be submitted by 10th February 2018. For further guidance, please consult the Student Handbook available on our website.

1. Attend all sessions of the Study Event (this is expected of all who enrol on the Module).
2. Read assigned book and write *brief* personal assessment.
3. Based on your exploration and analysis of a number of Biblical prayers, construct a morning, a midday and an evening prayer for personal use.
4. Compose and submit **one** of the following:
 - a. A 300 word article, intended for publication, on an aspect of personal devotions.
 - b. A 4 to 5 minute audio recording or podcast on an aspect of personal devotions.
5. Compile a *Daily Devotional Diary* for 30 days. This should include:
 - a. The passage of Scripture you have read
 - b. Thoughts on the passage
 - c. Summation of prayer
 - d. Other reflections on your walk with God.

Learning and assessment

Applicable to entire Module PRA07 - including completion of additional assignments.

Assignment	Time allocation	Outcome
Class presentations	18 hours	18 x 1 hour sessions
Reading plus assessment	6 hours	As assigned
Three prayers	6 hours	Three prayers
Article/recording	5 hours	Choice of options
Daily Devotional Diary	15 hours	30 x 30 minutes
Total	50 hours	

Cost

The cost for the week will be £150. This is all inclusive and will include accommodation, food, bedding and study materials.

Details of week

Dates: Monday to Friday, 6th - 10th November 2017

Location: Bassenfell Manor, Bassenthwaite, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4RL

Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Ian Starrs

Programme (provisional) - 6th - 10th November 2017

Monday:

- 17.00 - Arrivals
- 19.00 - Tea/dinner
- 20.00 - Introductions
- 22.00 - Goodnight

Tuesday - Thursday::

- 07.30 - Morning devotions
- 08.00 - Breakfast
- 09.00 - **Session 1**
- 10.15 - **Session 2**
- 11.15 - Morning coffee
- 11.45 - **Session 3**
- 13.00 - Luncheon
- 14.00 - **Session 4**
- 15.15 - **Session 5**
- 16.15 - Afternoon Tea
- 16.45 - **Session 6**
- 18.00 - Tea/dinner
- 19.00 - Possible evening session
- 20.00 - Evening activities
- 22.00 - Good night

Friday:

- 07.30 - Morning devotions
- 08.00 - Breakfast
- 09.00 - Final Session
- 10.15 - Pack up
- 11.00 - Departure

Class schedule

I. The journey - the story of God

- A. The purpose of God in creation
- B. What does it mean to walk with God?
- C. Seeing our life as a journey with God

II. Discipleship - a way of life

- A. What it means to be a disciple of Jesus
- B. A lost art?
- C. Living a more disciplined life

III. Devotion - sustenance for the journey

- A. Being still in the presence of God
- B. Praying while we walk
- C. The role of Scripture in our walk

IV. Sacrifice - giving up and letting go

- A. Counting the cost
- B. Walking with God through the valley of the shadow of death
- C. Navigating difficult terrain

V. Transformation - becoming like God

- A. What might we mean by spiritual development?
- B. Imitating the Master
- C. Walking on holy ground

VI. Fellow travellers on the way

- A. Walking with others who walk with God
- B. Personal faith and community faith
- C. Encouraging others to walk with us

Additional notes

Weather permitting, we may alter the programme one afternoon to allow for an excursion/walk in the area.

Evening activities are yet to be finalised, but we anticipate times of enjoying each other's company in a more relaxed atmosphere.

All meals will be provided. Refreshments will be available throughout the week in the tea/coffee bar. Participants are invited to bring along homemade cakes or biscuits to share with others if they so wish.

There is wi-fi available at the manor, though students will be asked to keep devices muted during class sessions.