

BBS Syllabus for ECW

Walking with God (PRA07 limited)



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 part of one of our Practical Modules forming part of our *Applied Biblical Studies* course. These eight sessions are being offered as part of the programme of the European Christian Workshop 2019 held at Lancaster University.

Students working towards a British Bible School award will receive 5 Module Credits upon completion of all units and all given assignments.

Module content (for full module)

- 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 (for full module)

- 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 (for full module)

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.

Programme (provisional) - 22nd - 24th August 2019

Thursday:

15.00 - **Session 1** - Our life as a journey with God (PB)

16.15 - **Session 2** - On being a follower of Jesus (JP)

Friday:

11.15 - **Session 3** - Keeping to the path (PB)

13.45 - **Session 4** - Praying while we walk (JP)

15.00 - **Session 5** - The role of Scripture in our walk (PB)

16.15 - **Session 6** - Walking through the valley of the shadow of death (JP)

Saturday:

09.30 - **Session 7** - Walking on holy ground (PB)

10.45 - **Session 8** - Walking with others who walk with God (JP)

Cost

The cost for the event will be £150. This is all inclusive and will include accommodation, food, bedding and study materials. This is payable directly to the organisers of the European Christian Workshop.

Details of week

Dates: Monday to Friday, 22nd - 24th August 2019

Location: George Fox Building, Lancaster University, Lancaster

Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Jack Paton

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 on request. Assignments are due to be submitted by a date arranged with your tutor.. 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) and all further sessions as appropriate.
2. Read assigned book and write *brief* personal assessment.
3. Based on your exploration and analysis of a number of Biblical prayers, construct an evening, a morning, and a midday 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	

Additional notes