



God's Good News: resources

This list gives a few suggestions of courses, web pages and books for those who might want to take their thinking further. It is, by no means, exhaustive.

Diocesan Resources

Can be found here: www.trurodiocese.org.uk/vision-strategy/discipleship

Sharing our Faith. A 6-part course designed to help participants explore how they can share their faith with others. (Individual, small group or Parish)

Answering Tough Questions. An introduction to Christian Apologetics followed by 9 sessions which explore how we might respond to tough questions we may be asked about our faith. (Individual, small group or Parish)

Christian Calling. A discipleship course exploring the 'calling' of all Christians.

Praying on the Way. A 6-session course aims to help develop our life as disciples on the Way of Jesus by exploring and deepening our experience of prayer.

Exploring Way of Life. 6, easy-to-use sessions, designed to enable any group of people to explore further what Way of Life might mean for them.

www.trurodiocese.org.uk/vision-strategy/discipleship/way-of-life-home-group-material/

Books

Six Big Questions. Wrestling with objections to the Christian Faith: John Hibberd
Published by Grove Books. ISBN 978 1 85174 819 8

Searching Issues. Tackling seven common objections to the Christian faith. Nicky Gumbel. Published by Kingsway. ISBN:0 85476 586 7

Sharing Jesus. Rob Frost. Published by Scripture Union ISBN: 978 1 844427 356 0

Out of the Saltshaker and into the World. Written for those who struggle to be a witness where they are. Rebecca Manley Pippert. Published by IVP. ISBN: 978 0 8308 6806 3

Sowing, reaping, keeping: People-Sensitive Evangelism. Evangelism for those who struggle with that word! Published by IVP. ISBN: 978 1 8447 4827 3

There are a number of booklets published by Grove in their Evangelism Series that are worthy of consideration. <http://www.grovebooks.co.uk/>

Resources from other providers:

Life on the Frontline. A six-session DVD resource for small groups to inspire and equip Christians to make a difference on their Frontlines.

www.licc.org.uk/imagine-church/resources/life-on-the-frontline



Alpha. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. www.alpha.org

The Pilgrim Course. Pilgrim aims to help every local church create a place where people can explore the Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day. www.pilgrimcourse.org

Beyond Ourselves. A course which explores the wider meaning of our lives. Canon Roger Morgan and Anita Benson. For small groups. www.resource-arm.net
Published by ReSource. ISBN: 978 1 906363 30 7

SHAPE. This course has been used widely to help lay people discern their gifts & vocations for God's service. It emphasises building confidence, faith-development & whole-life discipleship; enabling people to find out the 'shape' that God has made them and using that to serve God in the church, the community & the workplace.

www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/rural-discipleship-a-nurture/item/9066-your-shape-for-god%92s-service

Faith at Home. A website which aims to help church leaders, parents and grandparents to establish and sustain a faith @ home focus www.faithathome.com

Faith in Homes. Living out the Christian faith at home may not seem easy for families. This website offers both families and church leaders a variety of easy-to-use ideas, resources, events and other websites to help you live out faith together. <http://www.faithinhomes.org.uk/>

Emmaus. Published by the Bible Society in a number of volumes and written by a range of authors, including Stephen Cottrell, Robert Warren, John Finney, Steve Croft & Felicity Lawson. The 'nurture' stage mirrors the Alpha course on Christian basics, but later volumes on Growth can take people on further into Christian living and Bible study. Organised into modules, it is capable of being run in small groups over long periods of time.

Reach Out - discipleship course written by Sharon Swain and Bididi Kings in book form with 8 sessions. Published by SPCK.

Just Ten - intended as an evangelistic course, this approaches the good news by talking about life! It focuses on the 10 Commandments and how they can be life-giving. Written by J. John and published by Kingsway, it is now available in book, audio and video.

Lost for Words and *Youth Lost for Words*, written by James Lawrence and published by CPAS is a book to help people learn to share their faith. If taken as a course it runs over 6 weeks and the leader may be trained by CPAS.

A life worth living - by Nicky Gumbel and designed as a follow-up to Alpha. This is a 9- week bible study on Philippians. Available as a book or video.

Growing Leaders - published by CPAS, this course is designed to build leadership at every level of the local Church. It focuses on how good leadership is rooted in Jesus Christ, looks at essential skills for the task and how we can deepen commitment to



long-term service. The materials provide a year-long course with teaching, mentoring and practical projects. .

Equipping your Church in a Spiritual Age - written by members of the Group for Evangelisation in the Churches together in Britain and Northern Ireland and published by Church House Publishing (ISBN0-8516-9314-8), this is a workbook which looks at today's culture and the challenges facing the Church's outreach.

Sharing your faith - by Howard Bray & Phil Misselbrook from St. Keverne, equips Christians for missions, local events or personal witnessing and one-to-one evangelism. Looks at difficulties people have, how to prepare for witnessing, questions of belief and tackling difficult questions. It envisages that people will lead others to a commitment of faith and offers practical assistance. Contact Howard on 01326.280459

The great giveaway - John Dickson, outreach consultant, Diocese of Sydney. A 5-week course with subjects such as 'Players in God's passion', 'Telling your story', 'Gospel bites', 'Telling Jesus' story and Tough questions'. Author has a website: jdickson@bigpond.com

A passion for life - ideas for Mission - a large manual of resources and information about tried and tested ideas plus DVD with 12 short talks by different Church leaders. Detail about how to reach out to specific people - men, women, children, the elderly & people of other faiths. Resources from www.apassionforlife.org.uk

Two ways to live - know and share the Gospel - a course on sharing the faith written by Philip Jenson & Tony Payne. Published by the Good Book Company ISBN1876326 61 1. It has 7 sessions and assignments with each session. This courses takes participants through how well they know the Gospel, ways to live as well as speak the Gospel, handling common questions and leading people to Christ.