



GUIDANCE NOTES

Thank you so much for your willingness to facilitate a Joining Jesus Pastors and Leaders Course.

These brief notes have been written to provide you with a quick-to-read guide of some important things to be aware of as you facilitate a Joining Jesus Pastors and Leaders Course.

Introduction:

The Joining Jesus Pastors and Leaders Course has been produced to guide/equip pastors and leaders to become effective disciples who make disciples. Many pastors have been trained at theological college/seminary to deliver ministry from a pulpit to a congregation but the challenges of being and making a disciple who makes disciples who makes disciples outside of the walls of the church requires a very different approach and skill-set.

A Learning community

As with all of the resources produced by The Rooftop, this course recognises that true learning takes place by doing. As such the whole approach of the course is based upon the model that Jesus used to make disciples:

1. He created a small learning community.
2. He taught them outside of the walls.
3. He used the approach of:
 - a. **Tell me** - what I should do and how I should do it
 - b. **Show me** - how to do it
 - c. **Let me** - put it into practice and then come back and share what has been happening.

This 'learning community' is the context for the Joining Jesus Pastors and Leaders Course.

How does Learning take place on the course?

1. A small learning community of up to 12 pastors/leaders in addition to the facilitator.
2. The group learning together time may take place:
 - a. In a venue that is accessible to members of the group.
 - b. Online using a video conferencing platform such as Zoom/Microsoft Teams.
 - c. The group typically 'meets together' 12 times throughout a year- once-per-month in a physical venue or online.
3. The course materials consist of:
 - a. A course booklet that should be sent to each person in advance of the course beginning. *Include image of course booklet.*
 - b. Teaching content that is available on video/audio. You may use either the video or audio content as part of each session or, if you feel it is appropriate, you may choose to watch/listen to the teaching and then adapt to deliver in your own words. *Include image of video still.*

The course booklet along with all video/audio teaching clips can be viewed and downloaded from the facilitators page in the Leaders section of The Rooftop website.
To access this page you will need to use the password:

4. If you facilitate the course the course using Zoom or a comparable video conferencing facility, please bear in mind:
 - a. You may need to purchase more than just the standard 'free package' as the online time per session is likely to be around 90 minutes.
 - b. It will be good to practice (if you are not already familiar with online video conferencing) how to do things such as:
 - i. Share your screen to show Video clips etc
 - ii. Place people into chat rooms.
5. If you choose to use the video/audio clips included for download, please consider the following:
 - a. You may decide to 'Pause and Play' the video/audio rather than playing the whole teaching content at one time. This allows the group to engage in discussion around key points before continuing.
 - b. Please do not make these clips available to the group as it is important that these are only used by approved facilitators.
6. Please remember that your role as the leader of the course is to be the 'facilitator of learning not 'The Preacher'. As such:
 - a. Lead and encourage discussion between the members of the group rather than speaking 'to' them.
 - b. Remember that much of the learning takes place as things are put into practice outside of the 'sessions'. Be aware that the feedback/update time at the beginning of each session is extremely important. Significant time should be allowed for this rather than this being a quick update that happens before the session. **It is an integral part of the learning experience.**



- c. The group will also learn a great deal from one another as each shares what they have been experiencing. Positively encourage this.
- 7. There will be certificate presented to all who complete the course. Those who complete the course qualify as potential leaders for future groups.