



Introduction to Applied Theology Module

(30 hours)

Moorlands Description of this module:

This module examines what theology is and why it is important to understand in ministry. It will identify how an understanding of theology will help Learners to engage with culture e.g. youth culture. Learners will be asked to reflect on an issue of theology that impacts their practice.

Topics that will be included:

- What is theology?
- How theology can be applied to everyday life
- Brief history of the Church, including the Reformation, and how we arrived at the basis tenants of the faith (ex: creeds, our Equip statement of faith)
- Some major Christian theologians (with varying viewpoints)
- Biblical passages that are theologically difficult or challenging
- Exploring some of God's main characteristics
- Exploring some of Jesus' main characteristics
- Exploring some of the Holy Spirit's characteristics

Other topics that may be included:

- Ecclesiology (study of the church)
- Kingdom of God
- Some areas of theology where people disagree
- Understanding spiritual growth
- Exploring identity and who we are in relationship to God
- Understand the nature and workings of evil in people's lives and how this can be dealt with
- Apologetics
- Some practical theology – looking at theology as it relates to / interacts with other disciplines, such as psychology and sociology
- Differences between systematic, historical, biblical, and practical theology



Biblical Overview Module

(30 hours)

Moorlands Description of this module:

This module gives an overview of the Bible and will help the Learner to relate a passage from the Bible to an everyday situation. It will help them reflect on how they can use the Bible in their personal and spiritual growth.

Topics that will be included:

- The overarching meta-narrative of the Bible – the big picture story of God and His relationship with his people. Some specific topics might include:
 - Creation & Fall
 - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph
 - From the Exodus to the tabernacle
 - The Davidic Kingdom through the exile
 - The role of the prophet
 - Birth, life, death, resurrection, & ascension of Jesus
 - The early church
- Major characters in the Bible
- Covenants of the Old and New Testaments
- The Bible as a library of books in one
- Different genres and how different types of literature should be approached when interpreting the Bible
- Christian reading of Old Testament through the lens of Jesus
- Importance of context when reading and understanding the Bible
- How the Bible is applicable today and how to see the current relevance of a passage
- Authenticity and trustworthiness of the Bible

Other topics that may be included:

- Studying the Bible in breadth and depth (reading widely *and* narrowing in on a small verse/passage)
- Understanding Biblical transformation
- Considering the time between the Testaments
- Some more intense focus on the Synoptics, John, & Paul
- How to prepare a Bible study considering the things covered in this module



Mission and Ministry Module

(40 hours)

Moorlands Description of this module:

This module helps Learners to explain how they came to faith and reflect on their leadership skills. They will examine what the Bible says about leadership and where they need to develop in their leadership skills.

Topics that will be included:

- What to include in a personal testimony (longer version and shorter version)
- Look at different types of leaders in the Bible
- Leadership in the Bible
- Personal strengths and weaknesses in leadership
- Different types of evangelism
- How to prepare a Bible Study
- Effective small group leadership (facilitating conversation, considering environment)

Other topics that may be included:

- Understanding your area, community, & demographics
- Understanding group dynamics
- Developing skills in behaviour management (when applicable in a group)
- Using reflection to develop one's own and others' practices
- Intergenerational church – what it is and what it looks like, transforming communities & families
- Working in schools – lunches, after school, CU, chaplaincy
- Developing an understanding of the importance and differences in discipling, coaching, and mentoring young people
- Look at a sampling of different missions (or missionaries)/ministries – strengths and weaknesses; cautions in each of those types of mission settings
- Icebreakers

Public Speaking:

- Know your audience
- How to be engaging as a speaker
- The importance of flow
- Developing a framework for the lesson/talk/sermon
- Developing skills to aid good presentations and design



Personal and Professional Development Module (50 hours)

Moorlands Description of this module:

This module helps Learners to reflect on areas of their personal and professional development. They will be enabled to critically analyse their walk with God and examine the importance of effective line management in professional practice. The Learners will also reflect on how they need to develop both personally and professionally.

Topics that will be included:

- Academic basics (ex: study skills, writing footnotes, know what are good sources)
- Time management
- Organisational skills
- What makes an emotionally healthy leader
- Finding our identity in Christ
- Spiritual disciplines
- Areas of self-care
- Boundaries
- Reflective practice
- Character development
- Addressing and resolving conflict
- Safeguarding and social media
- Persevering in ministry

Other topics that may be included:

- Different types of Christian spirituality & practices
- Personality types and how they affect people's expressions of faith
- Spiritual gifts
- Building good (or breaking bad) habits
- How to offer and receive criticism
- Good communication skills (including listening and body language)
- Relationships – recognising what's healthy and unhealthy
- Developing team roles, vision, & strategy
- Ways that the fruit of the Spirit is manifested in our lives



Working with Young People Module

(30 hours)

Moorlands Description of this module:

This module helps Learners to identify what they need to consider when working with young people in evangelism and mission. It will give them an understanding of the importance of reflecting on their own work with young people. They will examine areas of risk when working with young people and how these risks can be minimized.

Topics that will be included:

- Safeguarding
- Risk assessments
- Clear relational and logistical boundaries between youth worker and young people
- Recognising different learning styles among the young people & how that can affect their spiritual growth
- Tools, resources, and ideas for doing Youth Ministry in different contexts
- Comparing and contrasting Youth Ministry with general youth work
- Considering how cultural influences affect young people
- Benefits and cautions of being culturally relevant in Youth Ministry
- Considering what the Bible says about young people
- Incarnational Youth Ministry
- Understanding the importance of reflective practice, evaluation, and recommendations for growth

Other topics that may be included:

- Background and history of Youth Ministry in the UK
- Youth development – spiritual, physical, intellectual, & societal
- Understanding issues around leading a young person to faith
- Understanding the importance of lesson planning frameworks, structure, and outcomes
- Understanding group dynamics
- Developing skills in behaviour management