

Walking with God

A programme for people searching for a deeper life in God, and for a sense of focus and direction in the life choices they make.



What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God

[Micah 6:8]

Walking with God aims to help you live more abundantly in Christ and have a deeper sense of how you are to bring life to others through your relationships, in your work, paid and unpaid, and in the part you play within your local community.

Key areas that will be focused on include:

- Living more abundantly in God through prayer and awareness.
- The significance of the work we do, paid and unpaid, and how this connects with our individual 'calling'.
- Discerning where God is within the place where we are, and what new directions might be open to us.

There are 9 sessions over a three month period. There will also be suggested prayer and reflection exercises to help you go further within and beyond the course.

The programme is co-ordinated by Chris Chapman, Lay Discipleship Co-ordinator for the Diocese of Southwark

Dates and venues within

Courses will take place in:

St Matthew's House, Croydon

[close to East Croydon tram stop / train station]

Monday evenings, 7pm to 9pm

November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10,

January 7, 14, 28, February 11

Trinity House [Close to London Bridge train and tube]

Thursday evenings, 7pm to 9pm

April 3, 17, 24, May 1, 15, 22, June 5, 19, 26

Walking with God: Outline of sessions

Session One: ***Some key elements of Christian life and vocation:*** To begin with we think about what really matters in life. Our attitudes to what matters in life is shaped by what we read, see and hear. What is at the heart of living as a follower of Christ and how does this affect the daily choices we make?

Session Two: ***Exploring the experience and significance of work***
Work, whether paid or unpaid, takes us much of our time and energy. Where do we meet God within the work we do? What is God's view of work?

Session Three: ***Exploring the link between work and vocation***
'Vocation' and 'calling' are terms often applied to some people and professions but not the majority. Yet God has a purpose for each of us and desires to work through the particular people we are. In this session we will look at how we can gain a deeper sense of our individual calling.

Session Four: ***Our understandings of God***
How we see God will affect our attitudes towards Christian service and our experience of prayer. In this session we will look at different biblical ways in which God is described and relate these to our own situation.

Session Five: ***Abiding in God as we work for the Kingdom***

What are we doing, and what is God doing, when we pray? What happens through prayer? How does prayer connect with daily life?

Session Six: ***Awareness of God within daily life***

In this session we will look at how we become aware of God in daily life. We'll also begin to think about how we can discern the Spirit's leading in the events, opportunities, and choices that face us.

Session Seven: ***Called to be prophets***

The biblical prophets listened prayerfully to what was happening in their world and then responded in words and actions. They were deeply human people, aware of their limitations and their dependence on God. How does their story speak to ours?

Session Eight: ***Building community***

Love of God is always linked with love of neighbour. The work of the Spirit is to build community. How do we co-operate with the Spirit's work in building community in the place where we are?

Session Nine: ***Gathering the threads***

This session will give each of us space to think through our own personal next steps, and how to put in place the support we might need to go further in our walk with God.

About the sessions:

The sessions will be a mixture of input, group-work, and prayer. There will be handouts for each session including some background reading material for those who want to explore the areas looked at more deeply. There are nine sessions in all with some gaps to give you time to reflect on the connections between the input and your own experience and situation. To help with this at the end of each session there will be a choice of reflection / prayer exercises for you to use as follow up.

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If you'd like to take part...

This course is limited to 15 places in each venue.
To register please contact:

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To be a Christian is to be invited by God to work with Christ for the coming of the Kingdom, or to 'do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God'. This is the 'calling' or 'vocation' of every Christian.

Within this call to all people each of us has an individual calling that relates to who we are and the context in which we live.

We meet God not just in formal times of prayer, but in the whole of life. Like Moses or Jacob we awake to realise that where we are is holy ground. We pray not just to gain clarity and understanding during the time of prayer, but to be alive and awake to God in the whole of life.