

## DM771/871 Mentoring/Discipling within Christian Community

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Semi-intensive: Five Fridays 6/2, 6/3, 27/3, 1/5, 29/5

The following information should be taken as indicative of the course content. Some details may change.

### Outcomes:

At the end of the unit, candidates should be able to:

- a. Identify key discipling/mentoring relationships and methods used in biblical times
- b. Demonstrate an awareness of the qualifications and qualities of a discipler/ spiritual mentor in their own life and ministry
- c. Help create and contribute to an atmosphere conducive to discipling/ mentoring within a small group or Christian community
- d. Evaluate a discipling/ mentoring relationship of which they have been/are a part and make suggestions as to ways it may have been/be enriched.

### Outline of content:

- a. Nature of personal relationships in teaching and learning
- b. Personal teaching/learning relationships in the Scriptures: with particular reference to the discipling relationships of Jesus and in the early church
- c. Teaching Models and Methods using relationships
- d. "Learning community" in the Scriptures and in contemporary thought
- e. Ways of creating and contributing to community
- f. Definitions of Discipling and Spiritual Mentoring
- g. Our experiences of discipling/mentoring and being disciplined/mentored

h. Discipling/ mentoring in relation to family and occupation

i. Qualifications and qualities of disciple makers/mentors

j. Practical steps towards discipling/mentoring

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