

DISCIPLES on the WAY

Those who share the life of the Christian Church are disciples. By definition, they are “learners”, following Jesus Christ. The Gospels give us pictures of Jesus with his friends, as he taught them, and they followed. The Church is always a community of learners.

Learning the faith involves thought, experience and practice. It is more than a matter of intellect, although it does mean loving God with all our mind. It is more than receiving certain experiences, although it does take experience of life seriously. It is more than obedience to direction. It means learning how to walk, with others.

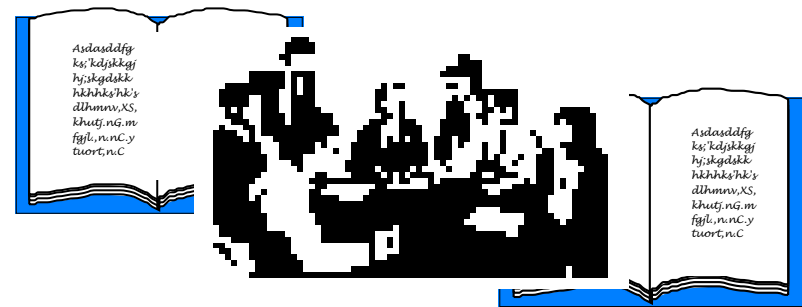


At Bloomsbury, we try to take the life of discipleship seriously. That is why both worship and social actions are important for us, following Jesus. We also offer every year a number of opportunities for learning and practising the faith together. We do this by holding conferences, offering short courses, lecture events and home groups.

The purpose behind all these is not simply to stimulate the mind but to enable us in our discipleship, our active following of Jesus Christ.

In our Home Groups, which meet regularly across London, church members share in topical discussions about issues in society and the world. Sometimes they might use material provided by the Baptist Union, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or from some other source.

At other times we might choose a book to read and then meet to discuss it together, sometimes with the author.



A group might see a film or play together and then meet to discuss it.

Bloomsbury has the deserved reputation of trying to see how faith and life interact. We try to be thoughtful Christians. We understand that no one person knows all the truth, so it is important to listen to one another, to share knowledge and experience and to encourage one another in practice. We are more committed to exploring the faith and its meaning than propagating one particular version of it. We are therefore deeply serious about the Bible, while working at the faith by which Christians actually live.

We call the overall programme “Disciples on the Way” because it emphasizes the dynamic and practical aspects of Christian living and learning. Our learning is a matter of head, hearts and hands; intellect, experience and practice. Even as Jesus called his followers to think, love and follow.

Recent Disciples on the Way activities have focussed on:

- Considering church membership?
- The life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Getting to know our neighbours...