



**‘What you have heard from me...
entrust to faithful men who will be
able to teach others also.’**

2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV)

What is TEAM?

Training for East Anglia Ministry is a one-year, one-day-a-week course focusing on learning to understand and apply the Bible, both to our own lives and to contemporary culture, in order to teach it effectively to others.

TEAM provides a mix of lectures and discussion groups, plus teaching/preaching workshops for which students will need to prepare two ten-minute talks each term. The aim is for the course to be interactive and practical, with time for questions and discussion.

Held at Eden Baptist Church near the Grafton Centre in Cambridge, TEAM runs on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., for three ten-week terms (with half-term breaks).

Meeting an urgent need

Bible teachers who 'rightly handle the word of truth' and can communicate with today's world are essential in any living church. Whether they are found in the pulpit or the youth group, the home or church meetings, faithful people teaching God's word in the power of God's Spirit are urgently needed in churches all over the world.

It is a lifetime's calling to pursue excellence in handling God's word. For several years, the Cornhill Training Course in London has offered an opportunity to begin acquiring the tools for the task. More recently a number of local training schemes, like TEAM, have adopted the principles of the Cornhill Training Course one day a week, for those unable to manage the full four days of the Cornhill Course.



TEAM syllabus

Each day of the course is divided into different streams, making up these approximate timings over the year:

Exposition – detailed analysis and interpretation of a particular book of the Bible, including lectures and discussion groups. We plan to look at Ephesians, Exodus and one of the gospels. 30 hours

Gospel ministry – visiting speakers will help us with the practicalities of applying gospel principles in our ministry. 30 hours

Teaching workshops – practical sessions when talk or study outlines given by students are assessed in groups. 20 hours

Biblical theology – grasping the big picture of the Bible through the detailed exposition of Old Testament passages in the light of the overall message. 15 hours

Systematic theology – exploring what the Bible teaches on particular subjects or topics. 15 hours

Handling the Bible – exploring principles of handling and interpreting the Bible and how to approach the different types of literature we find there. 10 hours



It is wonderful to have a day set aside to interact with the Bible and to trace the pattern of a faithful God's purposes of salvation through history.

Pam, retired teacher

I've been surprised and delighted by the experience of having my talks examined, and my whole thinking about how I communicate has been sharpened. If anyone is considering giving some time to be trained, there is nowhere that they can get more for their investment. TEAM is the best thing out there!

Jim, youth worker

It's been a great experience sharing fellowship with everyone on the course and the lecturers have been inspirational in the way they've taught us to handle God's word. Working through a Bible overview has been particularly valuable, giving me a much clearer understanding of the context and content of each book.

Charles, 9:38 apprentice

TEAM has enabled me to be better equipped to lead the student work at church, especially in giving meaningful answers to their probing questions! Studying at TEAM has also helped me personally, forcing me to move my focus off myself and back on Christ. I would highly recommend this course!

Debbie, doctor's receptionist

Course tutors

TEAM is backed by the East Anglia Gospel Partnership (EAGP) – one of several partnerships set up to promote gospel ministry across the country. TEAM is led by Steve Midgley, Minister of Christ Church Cambridge, with regular input from a number of ministers in the East Anglian region. Recent lecturers have included Mark Ashton, David Jackman, David Peterson, John Richardson and Paul Weston.

The steering group includes:

Julian Hardyman, Senior Pastor, Eden Baptist Church, Cambridge
Dick Farr, Vicar of Henham, Elsenham and Ugley, Chair of EAGP
Mike Kendall, Pastor, St Neots Evangelical Church
Jim Sayers, Pastor, Kesgrave Baptist Church

What does TEAM offer?

- Time to listen to God's word carefully and study a Bible book in depth.
- An overview of Biblical theology tracing the major themes of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.
- Workshops on teaching/preaching, and plenty of practice.
- Systematic theology of core Bible doctrines.
- Opportunity to engage with contemporary culture.
- Visiting speakers with wide experience of ministry in many contexts.
- Stimulus to develop your own discipleship and spiritual maturity.
- Fellowship with like-minded people, motivated by the same aims and purposes.

Is TEAM for you?

TEAM is open to men and women of all ages with evangelical convictions and from all Christian denominations. We are looking for people with a gift and hunger for a Bible teaching ministry. The course could provide ideal training for church lay assistants, assistant ministers, anyone considering full-time ministry and those wanting to develop their existing Bible teaching ministry.

TEAM will cost £100 per term, payable at the start of each term. This will cover all course handouts and refreshments, though not lunches.



If you would like to enrol for TEAM for the next academic year, beginning in September, please download an application form from: www.christchurchcambridge.org.uk/team
email: teamadmin@christchurchcambridge.org.uk
or contact TEAM Administrator, Christ Church Cambridge, Christchurch Street, Cambridge CB1 1HT Tel: 01223 362574

I know I need to hear good criticism of my speaking. I don't preach often, and get so little feedback on a daily basis – having the opportunity to speak and be accountable to the Word is key to my growth.

James
Senior Youth Worker

