Certificate Programme

Sabbatical Dynamics of Biblical Change

Course description

Your conversations with others are determined by how you understand God, yourself, other people, life's pressures, and, of course, the process of change. Dynamics of Biblical Change addresses these things and more. It describes how Christ's past grace, present grace, and future grace speak to our hearts and change the way we live our daily lives.

This course is about people and the way they (and we) face the troubles of life. It is about dealing with our inner struggles and changing into the likeness of Christ. Through Scripture, online lectures, assigned readings and case studies, you'll explore these practical ministry questions. Two personal change projects are key to applying the principles of the course personally.

This course was developed by David Powlison (1949–2019) who served as CCEF's executive director, as a faculty member and as a senior editor of the Journal of Biblical Counseling. He held a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania and an MDiv from Westminster Theological Seminary.

For fuller course details, please view the syllabus.

Application process

Contact courses@bcuk.org to request an application form. The information you will be asked for includes:

- The dates of your sabbatical
- The aims of your sabbatical
- When during your sabbatical you would like to start DBC
- Any other relevant information – eg planned holidays
- The name and contact details of an appropriate referee, eg the pastor/senior minister of your church or, if you are the pastor or related to the pastor, an elder/one of your leadership team.

Application forms should be submitted a minimum of two months before the start of your sabbatical. The earlier you apply, the more likely we will be able to accommodate you.

Fees

The tuition fee is £550 – payment details will be sent to you upon your acceptance on the course.

Course materials and Tutorials

Approximately two weeks before the start of your Sabbatical DBC course you will receive access to Canvas, our online learning platform. When you log in, you will find videos showing you how to use the platform, access the course lectures, documents and readings, and how to upload assignments. The lectures are available both in a video format so that you can stream them online, as well as in a downloadable MP3 (audio only) file so that you can listen via MP3 player, smartphone, etc.

Your tutor will be in touch before the start of the course to schedule three 1-hour tutorials, at the beginning, middle and end of the course.

Required reading

You will need access to a copy of ONE of the following books:*

How Long, O Lord? Don Carson, (IVP)
When God Weeps, Joni Eareckson Tada (Zondervan)
Walking with God through Pain & Suffering, Tim Keller (Hodder & Stoughton)
God's Grace in Your Suffering, David Powlison (Crossway)
Suffering, Paul Tripp (Crossway)

All other required reading will be available via the online learning platform.

*Some of these are available from 10ofthose.com at a discount for Certificate Programme students - see https://www.10ofthose.com/partners/bcukstudent.

To obtain this discount:

1) Set up an account with 10ofthose at https://www.10ofthose.com/account/

2) Apply for an account upgrade:

- When logged in, select "Upgrade" (or navigate to https://uk.10ofthose.com/account/account-upgrade)
- Select "Student"
- Enter your name and email address
- Enter "BCUK" for the institution
- For "Study End Date" - enter the date you expect to finish studying with BCUK (eg 1, 2 or 3 years hence)
- Tick the box to confirm you are a student

Once you have completed and submitted the form, 10ofthose will email you to confirm the upgrade request.

Technical requirements

We strongly recommend that students have access to and experience with a desktop or laptop (not just an iPad or mobile device) with internet access, as well as Microsoft Word or a word processor

that can export files in a .doc or .docx format. Canvas recommends using Google Chrome for your browser when accessing the classroom.

There is a Canvas Mobile App available, although the Canvas app does not have the same functionality as using Canvas on your computer. We therefore strongly recommend that you use your computer as your main access to courses and use the app to supplement this access. Please also note that we cannot offer technical support if you have issues with the app.

Further details of the browser and computer technical requirements of Canvas are available from:

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Canvas-Basics-Guide/What-are-the-browser-and-computer-requirements-for-Canvas/ta-p/66

Privacy – how we use your information

Your name and email address will be entered into Canvas, our secure online Learning Management System, for the purpose of delivering the course material.

At the end of the course, your log in details (name and email address) and your course grade will be retained on Canvas, on the legal basis of legitimate interests in order to facilitate continuing your studies on Biblical Counselling UK's Certificate Programme.

Biblical Counselling UK will retain a record of your name, email address and grade for this course for the purposes of keeping records and monitoring standards. If you wish your email address to be deleted when we archive this record, please email courses@bcuk.org.

Want to keep in touch?

If you would like to join the Biblical Counselling emailing list to receive brief emails a couple of times a month with links to our regular blog and information about our conferences, courses and resources, you can sign up at bcuk.org/join. To receive our Prayer and Financial Updates, please sign up at bcuk.org/getting-involved/pray/.

From time to time, Biblical Counselling UK may contact current and past students on the basis of legitimate interest with information about our training courses. If you do NOT wish us to contact you, please email us at courses@bcuk.org.

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