

Being Witnesses: Notes for Course Leaders

As you work through the course material you will find that each session follows a similar format:



Equipment: A list of what you will need to run the session.



Timings: The overall session length. In each session you will find suggested timings for each activity.



Session Aims: An overview of the main themes for the session.



Opening Prayer: Beginning the session in prayer and by using either the Blackburn Diocesan Vision Prayer or some other suitable prayer.



Getting Started: Introducing the theme for the session and beginning to explore ideas within the group.



Bible Passage: Exploring Scripture together and discovering Biblical teaching related to Vision 2026



DVD Teaching input: A short DVD programme which provides introductory teaching input.



Exercises and discussion: An opportunity to explore ideas together with other group members.



Prayer Reflection: A closing prayer activity.



Take it Away Materials: Thoughts or activities to help group members continue to reflect on the session.

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Additional Information:

Within each session you will find suggested timings for the material:

- The material has been organised to allow 1 hour 15 minutes for each session.
- If you are able to meet for 1 hour 30 minutes then you will have more space for discussion and reflection.
- Please be flexible about the timings. If a particular discussion is proving very fruitful then feel free to allow extra space for this.
- It is also worth trying to work with these timings so you leave enough space for the materials later in the session

Copies of the materials on this CD-ROM can also be downloaded from the Being Witnesses Course pages which can be found under the resources menu of the diocesan website under parish mission and evangelism.

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/being-witnesses-course>

The Being Witnesses Course films can be viewed on the accompanying DVD or on the Blackburn Diocesan YouTube channel, either by following the link from the home page of the Blackburn diocesan website, or by searching online for 'YouTube' and 'Blackburn Diocese'.

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