

SESSION 4 LIVING AS DISCIPLES – A SIMPLE GUIDE LEADER'S NOTES***Before the session***

1. Familiarise yourself with LIVING AS DISCIPLES IN THE WORLD – A SIMPLE GUIDE.
2. Plan how you will lead opening and closing prayers.
3. Plan how you will lead your group in sections 6 and 7.
4. Make copies of any Bible reading, reference material or music for the group.
5. Model generous hospitality

Note on timings

These are a rough guide only. No specific time has been given for refreshments.
You may wish to extend either the opening or closing prayer.

At the session**1. Welcome and introductions.****5 minutes**

Remember: *Confidentiality ground rules *Introductions *Programme and timings

2. Opening prayer**5 minutes****3. Outline the aims of Gathering □ Growing □ Going****3 minutes**

(Please refer to the Leader's Resources for additional information).

In essence, this course offers us an opportunity to re-acquaint ourselves with the basic truths, values and practices of Christianity. Its purpose is that we can become sure of what we know and grow more confident in our ability to live and share our faith.

4. A brief description of the week's topic: Discipleship.**2 minutes**

Living as disciples in the world is about letting our faith and our Christian values shape our responses to the world around us. This week we are challenged to examine how our faith makes a difference to the way we live - and where we are able to transform the lives of others.

5. Contextual Bible Study: Jesus heals a man in the synagogue on the Sabbath.**30 minutes**

For process, text and questions see Leader's Resources, page 7.

6. Hand out the leaflet, 'LIVING AS DISCIPLES IN THE WORLD – A SIMPLE GUIDE'**10 minutes**

Allow the group time to read the leaflet.

Guide the group to discuss the content in either twos, small groups or plenary.

7. How can we make a difference?**10 minutes**

- In twos, share an example of how your Christian faith has influenced decisions or actions in your daily life.
- Throughout history, Christians have tried to meet needs in their communities. Look at the leaflet's examples of ways in which individuals and churches make a difference; are any of them needed in your community?

8. What next?**5 minutes**

How might this leaflet be used as a resource for your church or Ministry Area.

How will you achieve this?

9. Closing Prayer**5 minutes**