



*Insights for... Discipleship.*

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## *Basic Course*

*Discovering how to build genuine, open and honest friendships in your small group.*

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### Welcome

We are called to share our lives together in the church, the Bride of Christ. The Holy Spirit looks to speak to us and through us, to change all of us to be more like Jesus. However we all live such busy lives, with overwhelming distractions, that it can be really difficult to take time to open up with a trusted friend and be real about the issues in our lives.

This course has been prayerfully designed to enable you to access specific insights about your character and behaviour and the character and behaviour of those around you. These insights are not general statements about people; they are crafted to speak about you as a unique individual.

We know that in sharing these insights with others and with the help of the Holy Spirit, you will see your relationship with Jesus become deeper and stronger, your relationships with your brothers and sisters in Christ will be more genuine; real; open and honest; your church will grow to be much stronger and your ministry will be more effective.

### Disciples

*As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake for they were fishermen and Jesus said, "Come follow me" Matthew 4: 18,19*

A disciple is a follower, but is more than that. The disciple wants to be like his teacher, perhaps a better word in today's context would be an apprentice, an apprentice to Jesus. An apprentice wants to become just like his teacher, to learn the ways of his master. As Romans 8:29 states, a disciple wants:-

*to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, Romans 8:29*

*(and is) being transformed into his likeness. 2 Corinthians 3:18*



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And Jesus said:-

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” Matthew 28:19*

So we are called to **be** disciples of Jesus, whilst making new disciples **for Jesus**. This course is designed to help with the **being disciples** part.

Jesus has given us three ways to help us become like Him; His word, His Holy Spirit and His Bride the Church, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus largely chooses to work through people, you and me as Proverbs 27:17 states:-

*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17*

### **Introduction to the Course**

This course for Small Groups, ***Insights for... Discipleship***, usually takes 8 weeks, but can be varied depending on how much time you give to each session.

It is designed to start easily and build increasingly genuine, open and honest, meaningful relationships as the course progresses.

You will work with one or ideally two people (we call them ‘Discovery Partners’), that is, groups of 2 or ideally 3 and you will continue to work with the same people each week.

It is very important that you feel safe in sharing with your Discovery Partners so the first week looks at making it safe and setting some clear goals for each of you. You will also look at how to use the Dynamas Resources® and how to write your weekly “Action Plan”