

The Leadership Engine Training Year has run for five years and has trained and equipped over 130 leaders, many of whom are now in senior church leadership roles. Our VISION is to see NEW & EXISTING leaders equipped & released to serve God & HIS Kingdom: Sound in their theology, Strong in their character, Secure in their gifting and Stepping into their missional purpose. This year we are re-shaping the structure and launching a second year of the course.



Each year will consist of:

- LAUNCH WEEKEND: covering a Friday and Saturday (location to be confirmed)
- SIX further MODULES spread over the year, three will be via teaching videos and a zoom tutorial, three will be a day of teaching on a Saturday (location to be confirmed)
- IN CHURCH MENTORING: A mentoring programme set up within your local church, ensuring every student on the full course gets the best out of the year and grows in their faith and their gifting
- HOMESTUDY ACTIVITIES: Optional extra study activities following on from the modules.

We are currently confirming locations and dates, but expect the course to cost around £400 per year. The two courses will run concurrently (same day, same venue).

Year ONE is open to anyone in a leadership role or an aspiring leader within a church setting. Year TWO is open to anyone in a senior leadership role in a church (leadership team, responsible for a ministry or department, etc) and we highly recommend you have either completed Year ONE or a similar level of theological training.

Acceptance on the course is via a short application supported by a reference from the local church. Bookings will open in late JUNE, but please do go to groundlevel.org.uk/leadership-engine to express an interest to join the course.

YEAR ONE Overview:

MODULE 1 (Launch weekend – Friday and Saturday - in November 2022 – venue to be confirmed)

“Leading SELF well”

- Session 1 “Theology of the Church” *Understanding what the church should be, and how God calls us to lead it with Him*”
- Session 2 “Introducing Theology 1” *Historical overview of the church, major periods, themes & personalities.*
- Session 3 & 4 “Understanding Self” *We will look at basic personality types, help us understand our leadership styles, issues of character and integrity, our core values and how these impact how we lead others”*
- Session 5 “How to read the Bible” *How do we read and interpret scripture, an understanding of hermeneutics & exegesis*
- Session 6 “Leadership Lies” *We look at seven of the worst leadership lies we tell ourselves, and how we might overcome them.*
- Session 7 “Introducing theology 2” *How do we define theology, where does theology come from (scripture, tradition, reason, experience), what’s the relationship between theology and philosophy?*

Module 2 (Video teaching December and January) “The THEOLOGY of God”

- Session 1 “Proof of His existence” *The idea that we can prove or disprove the existence of God is a bit of a misnomer however this session will seek to give rationale for a belief in the existence of God drawing on the writings of past theologians.*
- Session 2 “Attributes of God” *In this session we will consider key questions like: Is God male? How much of God can we really know? Which attributes do we share with God and which are unique to Him?*
- Session 3 “The Trinity” *How has this theological concept developed over time and what is the biblical background for it?*

Module 3 (Saturday in late January - venue to be confirmed): “The THEOLOGY of Jesus”

- Session 1 “The humanity and divinity of Jesus” *How can Jesus be fully God and fully man? What does that mean?*
- Session 2 “The cross and the gospel” *An understanding of the theological impact of the death of Jesus and what this means for those who respond to him and those who don’t*
- Session 3 “Resurrection and Ascension” *What does it mean to have a risen saviour, how do we “prove” this, where is Jesus now?*

Module 4 (Video teaching February and March): “Leading CHURCH well”

- Session 1 “Great Preaching” *How do we best get our message across, how do we plan, practise & deliver great sermons*
- Session 2 “Leading great church meetings” *What does a great service look like, how do we lead these well with a balance of planning and space?*
- Session 3 “Pastoral Models” *How do we look after the church well, what models work across different churches*
- Session 4 “Models of Evangelism” *What should evangelism look like in a 21st century church – what models are in operation across the nation and world to learn from*

Module 5 (Saturday in late March - venue to be confirmed): “Leading TEAMS well”

- Session 1 “Leading others” *How do we lead others, getting the best out of them?*
- Session 2 “Handling Failure” *How do we manage ourselves and others when things don’t go to plan, how do we best respond and move on from failure?*
- Session 3 “Coping with conflict” *When things go wrong what do we do? How do we deal graciously with conflict and failure within a church setting?*

Module 6 (Video teaching April and May): "The THEOLOGY of the Holy Spirit"

- Session 1 "Who is the Holy Spirit" *Understanding how the Holy Spirit fits in the trinity and our lives*
- Session 2 "Work of the Holy Spirit" *What does the Holy Spirit do for us and the church?*
- Session 3 "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" *We will explore the gifts, thinking carefully how they work in the church today*
- Session 4 "Handling the Supernatural in church" *How do we ensure the Holy Spirit is at work in our churches and how do we handle the supernatural well, seeing signs, wonders and miracles whenever we meet.*

Module 7 (Saturday in late May or early June - venue to be confirmed): "Leading into the future"

- Session 1 "Being a LIFE LONG learner" *How to continue your studies of the Bible and dig in deeper*
- Session 2 "Lasting the Course" *Wisdom for the journey ahead*
- Session 3 "Multiplying ourselves" *How do you ensure you build a legacy and invest in to others to see more leaders released*
- Session 4 "Prayer and Prophecy" *A practical session to pray for all course members and declare prophetic truth over each other.*

YEAR TWO Overview:

MODULE 1 (Launch weekend – Friday and Saturday - in November 2022 – venue to be confirmed)

"Leading from good foundation"

- Session 1 "Understanding the Old Testament 1" *building a narrative understanding of the Old Testament: Creation, Fall, Election, Covenant, Exile & Restoration.*
- Session 2 "Culture" *How do we define and work in the cultures around us? How do we maintain healthy cultures within the church?*
- Session 3 "Understanding the Old Testament 2" *A look at the law and the prophets and how these point to our understanding of God's purposes in creation and redemption.*
- Session 4 "Self Reflection" *How do learn and build on our past experiences, what healthy habits should we build into our lives?*
- Session 5 "Understanding the New Testament 1" *A look at the Gospels and how they tell the story of salvation*
- Session 7 "Understanding the New Testament 2" *A look at Paul and his letters, and how he builds on two truths – the divinity of Jesus and the Lordship of Jesus.*

Module 2 (Video teaching December and January) "The THEOLOGY of Salvation"

- Session 1 "SOLAS" *What can we learn from Martin Luther and his five important Solas*
- Session 2 "Theology of Heaven & Hell 1" *Biblical cosmology, understanding the Jewish mind-set*
- Session 3 "Theology of Heaven & Hell 2" *What does the NT actually say about heaven, hell, judgement & the post-eschaton world*

Module 3 (Saturday in late January - venue to be confirmed): "Practical THEOLOGY"

- A day to build up a way to think biblically about modern day issues the church faces, with worked examples looking at topics such as: Sexuality and Identity, Race, Abortion

Module 4 (Video teaching February and March): "Leading CHURCH with vision"

- Session 1 "Shaping Vision" *How do we find vision (including hearing prophetically), shape and then communicate vision*
- Session 2 "Values" *What you value, you make space for. What should be the values of the church, how do we ensure these are outworked through all we do*
- Session 3 "Difficult Season" *How do we lead through difficult seasons such as: change, loss, tragedy, ...*

Module 5 (Saturday in late March - venue to be confirmed): "Leading CHURCH into the world"

- Session 1 "Influence" *What does it mean to be influencers in our society? How do we best support, encourage and send out others to change our worlds.*
- Session 2 "Compassion" *How do we love the communities around us but providing compassionate responses to needs?*
- Session 3 "Apologetics" *How do we respond when people ask us what do you believe? How do we deal with objections and questions?*

Module 6 (Video teaching April and May): "The THEOLOGY of Mission"

- Session 1 "Missio Dei" *What is God's Mission and how do we fit in to this?*
- Session 2 "Understanding the Gospel" *What is the Gospel.*
- Session 3 "Go and Make disciples" *We will explore what it means to make disciples, and take people on a journey of discipleship.*

Module 7 (Saturday in late May or early June - venue to be confirmed): "Leading into the future"

- Session 1 "Letting Go" *How do we move from being a "control freak" to a delegator and some who releases others?*
- Session 2 & 3 TBC
- Session 4 "Prayer and Prophecy" *A practical session to pray for all course members and declare prophetic truth over each other.*