

OTB Welcome Video Transcript

Welcome to this module in which we begin to explore how the Old and New Testaments fit together and then begin to look in more depth at some very familiar books of the bible. In the sessions we will look at the four gospels and some of the epistles in ways that may shed new light on some very familiar passages. We will also think about how the message of the New Testament applies to your own faith journey and ministry as well as the mission and ministry of the whole church.

Dates for the Shared Learning Mornings, and the Assignment Deadline, can be found in the Term Dates Tab which is always in the menu bar at the top right on every page of the website, including the session pages.

In terms of how long you will need to complete the module, one session should take no more than 2.5 hours to complete: Part 1 should take around 15 minutes, Part 2 around 45 minutes, the rest of the material around 60

Each session consists of videos and some questions for you to reflect on. The questions are meant as a 'buffet', not an '8 course meal', so you are invited to choose one or two from each section that particularly interest you and just reflect on those.

When you come to part 2, have a quick look at the questions beneath the video before you start watching, and choose just one to think about. Make a note of the time point at which the information for that question will be presented in the video. Then watch the video and reflect on your chosen question at the end.

Please note that for those taking the assignments, it is important that you post your thoughts on the Reflect exercise on the Discussion Forum for every session, and also, that you comment on at least two other students posts for each session

This forms part of the assessment of your learning in the module, so you won't be able to pass without doing both of these things. Instructions on how to join the Forum can be found on page 5 of the Welcome Pack. It's also important to note that you won't be able to move on from a session until you have completed these posts, and also the quiz that you will find in each session.

A little tip: it's worth downloading and reading the study notes that you will find a link to in each quiz. They will help you to complete the quiz, but they're also a really good short summary of the learning from the session.

You will need a bible to read the scriptures referred to in the videos. Please use the NRSV translation - you can find it free online if you don't have a hard copy. I recommend Oremus.org as a good site to find bible passages online.

Everything you need for the module is contained in the sessions, however there are some extra books that you can access free on The Hub if you would like to do any extra reading.

If you need clarity about anything, make a note of it and, either post it on the discussion forum, or bring it to your Learning Support Group or the next Shared Learning Morning. You might like to discuss it with your supervisor and / or support group at church if you have these. You can also contact the module leader or the Director of Studies.

If you would like some useful tips and hints on how to study effectively, there is a useful, free, short online guide here. If you would like something more detailed, 'Accelerated Learning Unlocked', a book by John R Torrance, is a helpful guide and can be found on Amazon.

Click on the pictures below to enter the sessions.

You can find the Learning Outcomes for this module [here](#)