

en route explore - themes

Cross-Cutting Themes:

Four themes run throughout the 12 weeks of study:

- Biblical foundation - Exploring and developing a Biblical foundation for our life and work.
- Cultural awareness - Understanding the issues that arise from working in other cultures.
- People skills – Developing our ability to work with others.
- Practical issues – Putting the theory into practice and being equipped with a range of tools for life and work.

The en route explore journey:

Who am I?

Understanding who we are; our identity, motivation and personality in relation to God and others. How strong is our faith and spiritual walk with God? We will look at some of the challenges we may face; how to prepare and deal with them by developing spiritual disciplines (prayer, study, meditation, etc.).

What does the Bible say about mission?

What is God's mission to the world? We give an overview of mission in the Old and New Testaments. As well as looking at Biblical mission methods we also look at what lessons can be learned from post-New Testament mission. Finally, what are current trends and contemporary issues?

Culture and living in community

Why do they do things differently? Develop an understanding of culture and worldview and get an introduction to major & minor religion. What are the effects of our cultural differences? Culture shock, ethics, conflict, understanding contextualization & syncretism. How do we deal with our differences? How do we live and work in community? Learning to relate and integrate and developing the right 'heart' and attitudes. What about our boundaries and how do we prevent burnout?

Integral Mission

Understand poverty and the principles of secular and Christian development. What's it all for? Building the Kingdom of God. Understanding God's 'calling' on our lives and being the people that God wants us to be within the context of our personality and our environment.

en route to?

Preparation for the next step, 'know the work the Lord has for YOU', practical tips for preparing to go – healthy mind, body & spirit, security, agency information, etc.