

BE EQUIPPED FOR AN EXCITING JOURNEY  
IN LIFE, LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY



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**Mission:**

To equip the saints to function in their God-given ministries through a competence-based approach to training and the practical application of God's word.

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## EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

GET READY TO EMBARK  
ON A LIFE-CHANGING  
JOURNEY IN PURSUIT OF  
GOD AND HIS CALLING.



## 1. Introduction

The Emmanuel School of Leadership & Ministry (ESOLM) was established to equip the saints to step out and function in their God given ministries. This includes those called to public or vocational ministry in a variety of spheres.

From a Biblical perspective we recognise that Jesus didn't just call those with a scholarly interest in Christianity. Yes, He called those who were masters in theology like Paul and Nicodemus but He also called fisherman and tax collectors like Matthew and Simon-Peter. If the same is true today, we want to be flexible in our approach to give Christians of all backgrounds the opportunity to pursue their callings and to minister effectively.

ESOLM provides a competence-based approach to ministry training which includes the personal study of God and the practical application of God's Word in a student's daily life. Instead of a purely academic curriculum, ESOLM places emphasis on being led by the Holy Spirit and learning to consistently trust God in various situations. The concept can be likened to the secular method of vocational studies where a student doesn't only acquire knowledge but also the practical skills to function in their role.

ESOLM's commitment to training involves development of the whole person rather than merely presenting an accumulation of facts and theories. We expect our students to grow in knowledge, but our instructors and related staff will also engage with students to develop maturity in life and ministry. Some of the key elements of training include learning to serve, being accountable, hearing from God and increasing in love.

The innovative ESOLM curriculum allows training to be tailored towards a specific calling whilst allowing a student to express themselves through their unique skills and giftings. Outcomes can range from certification to fully recognised ministerial status within the UK Free Church Group. The ESOLM team will help students gain experience and support students as they step out in ministry.

We encourage you to read the material in this prospectus carefully and if the Lord leads you to train with ESOLM you will be ready to embark on a life-changing journey towards all that God has called you to.

## BALANCING KNOWLEDGE WITH WISDOM

AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAMME OF  
INTERACTIVE AND MEDITATIVE STUDY  
COMBINED WITH THE PRACTICAL  
APPLICATION OF BIBLICAL TRUTH.



## 2. Course Overview

### Modular Option:

The modular option involves monthly attendance for training weekends in the north west of England. Much of the training is by correspondence and discipleship is on an ad-hoc basis subject to the availability of the student. This allows for students to continue in their current employment for example.

### Intensive Option:

The intensive option is for those who choose to immerse themselves in the life of ESOLM by living in the north west of England. Similar to an internship this presents more opportunity for input and development in a shorter but more intense time.

Passing the ESOLM programme is based on proving competent in the areas of assessment. Functioning with the Holy Spirit is an essential principle. Therefore, outcomes for either option are the same but the intense option would provide more access to instructors and present more opportunity for practical aspects of the programme.

The course comprises 2 distinct but connected tracks which present each candidate with the ability to balance acquired knowledge with applicable wisdom. In other words, ESOLM wants students to acquire knowledge (Proverbs 18:15) and to be 'doers of the word' (James 1:22).

- **Knowledge Track**

information, academic learning, dialogue, narrative.

\*Knowledge (noun):    1. *a clear and certain perception of truth.*  
                                  2. *information and the power of knowing.*

- **Wisdom Track**

competence, application of learning, growth, discipline.

\*Wisdom (noun):        1. *the right use or exercise of knowledge.*  
                                  2. *obedience to God's commands.*

\*Noah Webster 1828 Dictionary of the English Language (paraphrase)

### 3. Knowledge Track

This is an innovative programme of interactive and meditative study that introduces the student to Biblical truth through recognising the natural symmetry between story and theology.

#### Content

This track uses powerful works of classic Christian fiction as the vehicle for the effective communication of theological truth. The tutorial sessions are designed to be a crossover between lectures and discussion groups. To that end you will join your instructor and your fellow students in a relaxed atmosphere for effective teaching, respectful debate and edifying discussion resulting in applicable understanding. This also provides an accessible and cordial platform to effectively read and study the Bible and related Christian works.

Each student will be trained to attest what they hold to be true and, in so doing, develop the ability to give a good account of what they believe to all who enquire of them. Furthermore, students will be actively encouraged to work out the implications of that truth, for both their personal and ministry life, through an evidential ability to hear and respond to the voice of God.

The exciting curriculum constructed around Christian fiction will help students to understand and express various doctrines such as regeneration, evil, atonement and redemption whilst removing the perceived heaviness of traditional lectures. The discovery of deep Biblical truth in narrative will form an eagerness in each student to convey truth effectively through their gifts and talents.

#### Assessment

The knowledge track allows for a novel form of assessment which acknowledges not everyone is called to a 'pulpit' ministry. Assessment is in accordance with a student's calling, talent and skills. This method of assessment prevents 'fish from trying to climb trees' according to the popular quote. \*

In other words, if the student is a song writer, then their assessment could be based on the production of songs that clearly and creatively express the Biblical truth under discussion. A children's worker might be expected to produce a series of lessons aimed at children which effectively grasp the topic in hand. A youth worker might be asked to

produce a series of online videos or media posts. Of course, a student called to preach might very well be asked to produce a sermon. As the programme progresses, opportunities will be presented for each student to use their gifts and talents as they move towards their calling. These opportunities will also form part of the assessment for the Wisdom Track. Feedback and support will be provided by the course facilitators and sometimes by fellow students.



**EVERYBODY IS A GENIUS.**

**BUT IF YOU JUDGE A FISH BY  
ITS ABILITY TO CLIMB A TREE,  
IT WILL LIVE ITS WHOLE LIFE  
BELIEVING IT IS STUPID.**

*\*Quote attributed to Albert Einstein by Matthew Kelly 2004. The Rhythm of Life.*

#### **4. Wisdom Track**

This programme aims to develop the practical application of Biblical truth and competence in a student's life and ministry. The Wisdom Track is an opportunity for students to become 'doers of the word' (James 1:22) as they engage with God through obedience.

##### Content

This track teaches students the practical steps and principles that will enable them to grow as Christians and to be effective in ministry. In a small group setting, students will look at their spiritual foundation and be taught how to apply fundamental truths to their life. The Wisdom Track emphasises the pure theology of studying God personally through relationship, which includes learning to hear His voice and being led by His Spirit. ESOLM promotes the privilege to personally know God as the key foundation to Christian life and ministry.

To equip students effectively for ministry, teaching on how to rely on God is presented with the view of negating an unhealthy dependency on human teachers only. Through the Wisdom Track it is the desire of ESOLM that each student will learn to depend on God for themselves and thus begin an exciting life-long adventure with the God who has called them.

Some of the subjects which are taught and assessed in the Wisdom Track include:

- Entering God's learning system,
- Hearing God's voice,
- Trusting in the Lord,
- Steps to the anointing,
- Physical and mental preparation,
- Accountability and protection,
- Walking by faith,
- Reaching maturity,
- Becoming a friend of God.

Due to the diversity of the callings of God, some training elements in the Wisdom Track are tailored to an individual and include a level of personal discipleship. ESOLM recognises that God must guide a student's development and all direction and progress must be subject to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The Wisdom Track is a fresh and creative training method inspired by the Holy Spirit to produce anointed individuals in various spheres of ministry. Students are encouraged to seek direction from God as they progress towards the ministry that He has planned for them (Ephesians 2:10).

As the programme develops practical guidance on good governance, safeguarding, administration and finance will be presented. ESOLM is also able to draw on our extensive network of ministry associates to assist trainees in finding the right training based on their specific calling; an option which provides a range of exciting prospects.

### Assessment

The dynamics of the Wisdom Track's ethos means that an abundance of opportunities will be presented for students to practice what they have been taught. As students develop their relationship with God and learn to hear His voice, effectual doors will open to apply knowledge



that has been imparted. The programme comes alive as students encounter God in the small-group classroom, see Him sovereignly go before them and then present opportunities for them to apply taught knowledge in various situations. There is no greater joy than to experience God authentically and no greater expression of love than to obey what God has taught. Jesus explained it like this, “if you love Me, obey my commands”.

Assessment is in various forms under the guidance of an experienced minister who is already a ‘doer of the Word’. Students are expected to complete regular progress reports with feedback from ESOLM staff. Regular dialogue and openness are the basis for successful progress. Consultations may take place between ESOLM staff, the student and a leader of the student’s home church.

The essence of the assessment on the Wisdom Track is whether the student can demonstrate they have applied truth in the situations which God presents. This shows that knowledge has passed from the head to the heart! The Wisdom track is not only about what a student knows but what a student does. This could be likened to secular vocational studies where key skills are proven rather than academic knowledge merely absorbed.



## JOY AND LOVE

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## 5. Finance

To receive life-changing training through ESOLM each student is encouraged to pay a monthly subscription of £25 or an annual fee of £300. This is to cover core running costs such as administration, venue hire, some materials, marking and certification. This is deemed an affordable contribution for most students compared to the £1000s expected at some seminaries or bible colleges.

Most of the resources needed to complete the programmes are supplied by ESOLM although some reading material for the Tracks is to be purchased separately at the student's expense. This material can usually be sourced affordably online.

In some circumstances it may be possible for students to receive fee concessions or assistance with purchases at ESOLM's discretion. Likewise, contributions from students above those stated are greatly appreciated and can be go some way to honouring those who lead the ESOLM programmes.

## 6. Outcomes and Progression

The key outcome of training with ESOLM is that students are equipped for an exciting and fulfilling journey with God in life, leadership and ministry. Built on the foundation of a close and personal relationship with God, students are prepared to experience His empowering grace as they move forward into all that God has called them to be. The unique approach to training with ESOLM means that students will be equipped with the knowledge needed for ministry and have wisdom to apply God's word to their lives.

All students who progress through ESOLM will receive the ESOLM certificate and many will go on to receive ministerial accreditation through the Free Church Group. Those that choose accreditation will benefit from access to a vast network of ministries, chaplaincies and churches where they are able to receive mutual support, accountability and recognition as Christian leaders.

Due to the diversity in the callings of God, ESOLM staff will endeavour to work with students towards stepping out in ministry. Assistance may be provided in starting a ministry, finding a church placement or exploring fresh ideas based on God's individual plan.

Some students may choose to progress with associated training providers or our partner organisations. There are academic options such as the School of Biblical Studies or a Master of Divinity Degree gained by research. By completing additional modules online some students may also progress to join the Institute of Leadership and Management or gain a Certificate in Leadership through the Open University. There are also options to progress in the arts with ministries connected to the ESOLM network.

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LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY.



To take advantage of this opportunity,  
post your completed application to:

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Alternatively send an email with information to  
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## 7. Application

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| Full name  |  |
| Date of birth  |  |
| Nationality  |  |
| Address  |  |
| Postcode   |  |
| Email address  |  |
| Telephone  |  |
| Current church of attendance                                 |  |
| Do you have their permission?                                |  |
| Address of current church leader or an alternative reference |  |
| Email address  |  |

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| List any other Christian courses or training undertaken               |  |
| Brief details of Christian experience                                 |  |
| Briefly explain why you desire to train with ESOLM                    |  |
| Signature and date<br><i>to confirm you have read this prospectus</i> |  |





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