Education for Ministry (EfM) Classic (2027)

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EFM Classic is a four year **ecumenical** programme. It is open to any adult willing to commit to study from a Christian perspective, regardless of educational level or denomination.

Students commit to ONE year at a time.

- Year 1 The Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)
- Year 2 The New Testament)
- Year 3 Church History
- Year 4 Ethics and Spiritual Practice

There is also a Wide Angle year which can be done on its own or as a fifth year.

EFM Classic has four themes, which are cycled throughout any four year period:

- *The Journey with God*
- *Following Jesus*
- *Listening to the Spirit*
- *Engaging the World*

New groups, (**consisting of 5-10 students and trained Mentor**) can start in any month of the year. 2027 course fees are $200.00. Participants will need a device with internet access. In addition participants are expected to purchase their own textbooks for each year (currently less than $200/year and less than $100 for some years)

In 2026, all new groups, and existing groups on the anniversary of their commencement, will use the theme: *The Journey with God*. In 2027 new groups, as well as existing groups on the anniversary of their commencement, will use *Following Jesus*.

EFM Classic has 5 core practices:

- Living in Community
- Regular Prayer and Worship
- Study of Christian Tradition
- Theological Reflection
- Vocational Discernment

While not every core practice will be part of every meeting of the group it is these practices that make EFM Classic more than just study.

Students enrol annually and commit to only one year of study at a time which is 36 weeks across a 12 month period, usually with some breaks. There are no assessments, as individuals are expected to take responsibility for their own learning. Students agree to attend (as faithfully as possible) a weekly ~2 hour seminar meeting, and to read or listen to the assigned material prior to each meeting, participate in discussions and to share in leading worship. Weekly preparation for the seminar meetings usually takes 3-5 hours depending on the demands of the week's reading and the individual's life.

The EFM Classic programme originated in the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, USA. Students who complete the 4 year programme are awarded a Certificate from the School of Theology in the University of the South.

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