

Christian Discipleship Course

Information Pack

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Unless otherwise noted all scripture quotations are from the New King James Version (NKJV) (1982) of the Bible. Other abbreviations of Bible versions used are BBE The Bible in Basic English (1949/64); ESV English Standard Version (2001); KJV King James Version (1611/1769); NAS New American Standard Bible (1977); NIV New International Version (1984) (US); NJB The New Jerusalem Bible; LB Living Bible Translation; NLT New Living Translation

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About Christian Life Training Institute

Christian Life Training Institute (CLTI) begun in September 1999 in the UK and has been established in Ghana since January 2006. It is committed to empowering believers to fulfil the great commission of Jesus Christ within the context of emphasising a Christ-centred message:

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.
Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)

CLTI is an initiative of Christian Life Fellowship (CLF) and is a registered charity. It currently offers a Ministerial Training Course, a Christian Discipleship Course and several one day Training Seminars to the wider body of Christ.

CLTI reserves the right to amend the contents and requirements of all its courses, as it deems necessary.

Ministerial Training Course (MTC)

This is a part time course held two days a week. It is designed for Christian Leaders who are actively involved in ministry or Bible School graduates who desire further impartation within the context of on-the-job training.

The course is currently run on Tuesdays from 7.00pm to 9:15pm and Saturdays from 10am to 1pm. It is a 2year course with 10-13 weeks in each term. Successful students must not only complete their academic training, they must also complete all the required projects.

Applicants must have a working knowledge of the English language as written and practical assignments are a basic requirement for this course.

Christian Discipleship Course (CDC)

This is a one-year course for those who wish to be grounded in the Christian faith. It is a part time course held one day a week for three hours each week with practical exercises throughout the year.

The course content emphasises basic discipleship themes and foundational Christian doctrines. It covers several topics including The Godhead, faith, the gifts of the Spirit, evangelism, prayer, spiritual authority, and much more.

Students will be expected to complete all homework assignments. These include memory verses, written assignments, evangelism, and other practical assignments.

One-Day Training Seminars

These are one days training seminars normally held on a Saturday from 10am to 3pm. They are open to all and are designed to serve the wider body of Christ. Current seminar topics include:

- Faith Seminars
- Prayer and Intercessory School
- Supernatural Ministry
- School of Prophetic Ministry
- Evangelism Training
- Leadership Seminars

All seminars include notes and come at a fee (Ministerial Training Course students are exempt). These seminars are hosted in partnership with P3Ten Foundation and CLM Trust.

Basic CDC Course Requirements

The following is a brief highlight of what is involved in participating in this course:

1. One year part time course for CDC certificate
2. Once a week two hour teaching sessions
3. Punctuality. A minimum of seventy percent punctual to pass the course
4. Attendance. A minimum of seventy percent attendance to pass the course
5. Submit all assignments within the course requirements
6. Practical assignments including evangelism, prayer and cell ministry as essential course requirements
7. Local Church involvement during the course. Students are expected to serve as helpers for local Church activities such as ushering, welcoming visitors, follow-up etc.

CDC Course Standards

Whilst we seek to observe scriptural principles by teaching the word of God in love and from a sincere heart, we expect each student to be a faithful individual who is prepared to be committed to a basic code of conduct as a student of CLTI.

Assessment

Students will be assessed on attendance to lectures, completion of assignments and homework, examinations, and teamwork. Assignments must be handed in on the due date. Late assignments may be received at a cost in reduction of grades. Assignments may not be received more than one week late unless there are special circumstances.

Attendance

Regular attendance is expected. Less than 70 percent attendance will almost certainly mean referral of a term unless for exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absence is allowable on compassionate grounds or emergency situations. Unauthorised absence on three occasions in a term may result in expulsion from the course or a referral of the term.

Punctuality

Less than 70 percent punctuality will almost certainly mean referral of the course unless in exceptional circumstances. Students are considered punctual when they are in their seats before the register is taken or before the lecturer begins to lecture.

Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that befits a man or woman of God. Rudeness to students and lecturers, profanity, theft or physical violence may result in the guilty student being suspended or expelled. The conduct and lifestyle of any student bringing their faith or testimony into disrepute may result in expulsion from the course.

Attire

Students are expected to be smart, clean and presentable. Students are encouraged to be attired in a manner that hides their nakedness or is not sexually suggestive. We reserve the right to send students home should their attire be deemed inappropriate. Persistent offenders after the first and second warning may be suspended or expelled.

Fees

Students are expected to pay their fees in full for each term either by a monthly standing order or quarterly amounts. Students who do not have an agreed method of payment will not be permitted to start the course. Any monies paid are non-refundable unless in exceptional circumstances.

Notes

All students are required to have an email address, as the course notes shall be distributed electronically. Therefore it is the responsibility of the students to ensure that they download the relevant course material for each lecture.

Statement of Doctrinal Beliefs for CLTI

God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three: Father, Son (Word), and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14, 1
John 5:7

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Hebrews 1:8-9; 4:14, 15; 1 Corinthians
15:3, 4; Romans 1:3, 4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 3:16; 6:14, 15; Titus 2:13

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ and to oversee the Church in the purposes of God. He lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation and provides them with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer spiritual gifts as He pleases. As Christians, we seek to live daily under His control and protection.

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16, 17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians
1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18

The Bible

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105,160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5

Humanity

People are made in the spiritual image and likeness of God; to be like Him in character and actions. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by a nature and attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin". This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life. Sin if it remains in our lives will cause us to be eternally separated from God in Hell.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1, 2; Matthew 5:29- 30;
25:41-46; Luke 16:19-31; Revelations 20:11-15

Salvation

Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self ruled life and turn to Jesus Christ in faith, we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8, 9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1

Satan and Evil Spirits

Satan and evil spirits are real personalities and are enemies of God and humanity. They were forever defeated and judged through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Every born again believer has been given authority and power over all of them and their activity because of Jesus' victory. Believers are commissioned by Jesus Christ to enforce and advance His kingdom by their lifestyle and purpose and in so doing, demonstrate the defeat of Satan and all evil spirits.

Mark 16:17; Luke 11:24-26; 10: 18-19; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 1:15-22; 3:10, 11;
6:10-18; Colossians 2:15

The Church

The Church is the Body of Christ made up of the believers in Heaven and on earth. The Church on earth is expressed through individuals who belong to local congregations all over the world in various denominations and Church bodies. Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and He is the one responsible for building His Church. The mission of the Church on earth is to worship God, minister to humanity, evangelise the world, be a family, and disciple all those who are added to her to become like Christ Jesus.

Matthew 16:18; 28:19, 20; Mark 12:29-31; John 3:3, 5; Acts 2:41; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 12:12, 13; 1 Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 12:22-23

Eternal Security

Since God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you must co-operate with God to stay saved. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not simply by the self-effort of the Christian. However God will always respect the choices His children make – even the ones that could ultimately destroy them. Believers must therefore always rely on the grace and keeping power of God to give them eternal security as they seek to live in obedience to Him.

John 10:29; Romans 11:22; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Philippians 1:6; 2:12, 13; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 6:4-9; 7:25, 10:10, 14; 10:26-31; 1 Peter 1:3-5

About Eternity

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God because of sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell with all its' torments. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life which begins on earth but continues in Heaven. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

John 3:16; John 14:17; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15; 1 Corinthians 2:7-9

CDC Syllabus

The Church

The church: local & universal, church membership, church ordinances: water baptism & the Lord's Supper (Communion)

Prayer

The prayer life of a believer, fasting

Healing

Divine health, divine healing, Introduction to deliverance

Foundational Doctrines

The importance of good foundations, repentance from dead works, water baptism, Holy Spirit baptism, resurrection of the dead, the laying on of hands, eternal judgement,

God

The Godhead, God the Father, Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit

New Creation Realities

What it means to be born again, , the kingdom of God, hearing God's voice and other new creation realities related subjects

Discipleship Themes

What is a disciple, holiness, the principles of faith, fruit of the Spirit, gifts of the Holy Spirit, introduction to spiritual warfare, spiritual authority, tithes and offerings

Evangelism

The Great Commission, why Evangelism, How to share your faith, Cell group ministry

CDC Book List

Book	Author	Publisher
Come, Holy Spirit	David Pytches	Hodder & Stoughton
The Church in the New Testament	Kevin J Conner	Sovereign World
Soul winning: A Classic On Evangelism	TL Osborn	OSFO Publishers
Foundations of Christian Doctrine	Kevin J Conner	Sovereign World
God's Chosen Fast	Arthur Wallis	Kingsway
Christian Set yourself Free	Graham & Shirley Powell	New Wine Press
Evicting Demonic Squatters & Breaking Bondages	Noel & Phyl Gibson	
What Happens When We Die	Roger Price	Sovereign World
Systematic Theology	Grudem W	Intervarsity Press
The Principles of Faith	Joseph Boadu	CLF Publishing
Hearing from God	Joseph Boadu	CLF Publishing
Christian Discipleship Manual	Joseph Boadu	CLF Publishing

Marking Criteria

A- 80-100%

Wide knowledge of the issues and excellent critical understanding and evaluative ability. Clear evidence of independent judgement and an original mind. Accurate and polished presentation. Additional evidence of ability to present material with coherence, persuasiveness and creativity on the basis of sound biblical judgment.

B – 65-79%

Wide knowledge of the issues and excellent critical understanding and evaluative ability. Clear evidence of independent judgement and an original mind. Careful and well-organised presentation.. No significant errors

C 50-64%

Good knowledge of the issue, with adequate critical understanding and evaluative ability. Reproduces other views capably, but less adept at construction own judgements. Fairly well ordered with few errors.

D 40-49%

Satisfactory handling of the issues, but with noticeable gaps in knowledge. Limited ability to argue, synthesize or construct independent judgement. Weaknesses in organization and presentation, as well as some errors

E 30 to 39%

Does not deal adequately with one or more significant elements of the issues, despite inclusion of relevant material. Limited ability to argue, synthesise or construct independent judgements. Weaknesses in organisation and presentation. Significant errors. Does not address issues adequately. Lacks structure and organisation of thought. Must retake the test or exam.

F 29% and under

Complete lack of understanding and application. Unacceptable at this level. In danger of being removed from the course if it persists.

CDC General Timetable

1st Term		Level 1 – Becoming a Disciple		
WK	Dates	1st Session (1 hour)	2nd Session: (1 hour)	Lecturers
1		Course Orientation	What is a disciple	
2		What is a disciple		
3		New Creation Realities		
4		New Creation Realities		
5		What it means to be born again		
6		The Baptism of the Holy Spirit		
7		Water Baptism	The Lord's Supper	
8		The Kingdom of God		
9		The Church		
10		Church Membership		
11		Holiness		
12		Living by Faith		
		Level 1 Exam (4weeks after week 12)		

2nd Term		Level 2 – The Foundations of Discipleship		
WK	Dates	1st Session (1 hour)	2nd Session: (1 hour)	Lecturers
1		The importance of good foundations inc Why we believe the Bible		
2		Repentance from dead works		
3		Laying on of hands		
4		Resurrection of the dead		
5		Eternal judgement		
6		The Godhead		
7		God the Father		
8		Jesus Christ		
9		The Holy Spirit		
10		The Gifts of the Holy Spirit		
11		The Fruit of the Spirit		
12		The Father Heart of God		
		Level 2 Exam (4weeks after week 12)		

Christian Discipleship Course General Timetable cont./d

3rd Term		Level 3 – Growing as a Disciple		
WK	Dates	1st Session	2nd Session	Lecturer
1		Spiritual authority		
2		The Prayer Life of a believer		
3		Studying the word of God inc. The Study life of a Believer		
4		Fasting		
5		Divine Health	Healing ministry	
6		Introduction to Deliverance Ministry		
7		Finances: Tithes and Offerings		
8		Introducing Spiritual warfare		
9		Evangelism: The Great Commission and why Evangelism		
10		Evangelism: How to share your faith		
11		Cell Ministry		
12		Hearing God's voice		
		Term 3 Exam (4weeks after week 12)		

