

COURSE GUIDE

THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY: FACE TO FACE WITH OURSELVES, OTHERS AND THE STORY OF GOD

A guided, conversational journey towards discovering your incarnational ministry and mission in the new normal.

ReThink, ReFrame, ReTell

SIX TOPICS:

- Session One (July 7): Who am I?
- Session Two (July 14): Who is the Other?
- Session Three (July 21): Who is God?
- Session Four (July 28): God and Me
- Session Five (Aug 4): God and the Other
- Session Six (Aug 11): God, the Other, and Me

OUTCOMES:

Through course engagement you will:

1. Bring your own lived experience and perspectives into intentional conversation with that of other mission-minded individuals
2. Gain a deeper sense of your own story as an integral aspect of being on mission with God
3. Build a conceptual, but practical platform for living on mission with God and others
4. Develop an increased sensitivity to and collaboration with the incarnational activity of God in your local context
5. Be equipped to articulate and engage meaningfully with the mission triangle—God, the Other and You—in the place where you live.

HANDOUTS:

You will receive an electronic (PDF) handout prior to each session. Each handout will be divided into four sections:

- a. **“In preparation”** gives you pre-session assignments to help you engage with the session themes in advance. This will help you interact meaningfully with the group by drawing on the insights emerging from your individual engagement with these preparatory activities.
- b. **“ReThink”** presents exploratory questions about the theme, revealing your understanding of this area and the ways you currently navigate it in your life. These questions will likely come up in group conversation during the session.
- c. **“ReFrame”** seeks to come alongside your personal story, suggesting ways in which some of its aspects could be viewed differently. It explores a new relationship to an event or concept, inviting you to relate these shifts to your life on mission with God.
- d. **“ReTell”** comes after the session and relates to walking out the theme in your life and personal mission context. Engaging with this section will help to strengthen the concepts discussed, inviting you to explore the theme further.

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