



Queensland
Theological College



CA-MIP

Ministry in Practice

Unit Outline

About this Unit Outline

This unit outline contains information essential to finding your way around the unit **Ministry in Practice**. It provides a structure for your learning, giving details of lecture topics, assessment requirements, and key resources.

SEMESTERS 1 & 2 2017

Information about this unit

Ethos of the Unit

Ministry in Practice is based on the twin convictions that applying the gospel to ourselves is the foundation of all gospel ministry, and that the gospel must shape and drive all that we do in ministry.

Desired Outcomes of the Unit

The unit aims to

1. Encourage the formation of a robust, reformed spirituality that will sustain men in ministry
2. Inculcate a culture of constant personal reflection on the gospel and application of the gospel to ourselves
3. Sharpen the preaching of everyone involved
4. Establish patterns of accountability and healthy critique within a functional peer group
5. Equip students to think about key issues in ministry in a way flows out of the gospel
6. Provide training and templates in the basics of pastoral ministry
7. Provide the opportunity to read key classic and contemporary texts which potentially shape our thinking in life and ministry, which may not fit easily elsewhere in the QTC curriculum

How this unit is organized & what we expect of you

The unit is taught over two 13 week semesters. Some weeks we will discuss together about aspects of Ministry and some weeks will be spent discussing the set reading books and their applications for our future ministries. Please ensure you have completed the readings before the classes and come along prepared to learn from a variety of people experienced in ministry. This unit will assist you to reflect on the challenges and opportunities of Christian ministry.

The daily programme will be as follows on each Tuesday of Semester 1 & 2

8.30-9.20am	Preaching Workshop (Boardroom)
9.30-10.20am	College Chapel (Auditorium)
10.45-12.35am	Ministry and Maturity (Boardroom)

Teaching staff

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Other Key Contacts

Registrar's office

Contact the Registrar's office for any queries about which unit to enrol in next, if you wish to change your enrolment, defer due to illness, family circumstances etc., or request an extension for your assessment (criteria apply).

E registrar@qtc.edu.au

Moodle functions and queries

Contact the Registrar or the Assistant Registrar for help if something on Moodle is not working, if you need help using Moodle etc.

E registrar@qtc.edu.au

Library/Resources

Contact the Librarian for help with finding resources for your assessment, finding full-text database articles, for help with logging into the library databases and catalogue, and for help with how to renew a book for longer or place a hold on a book currently out to another person.

E library@qtc.edu.au

Programme: topics, teaching and learning activities

Semester 1

Week 1	Spiritual Vitality (part 1)
Week 2	Spiritual Vitality (part 2)
Week 3	Self-Management (part 1)
Week 4	Self-Management (part 2)
Week 5	<i>A Treatise Concerning Religious Affections</i> (Jonathan Edwards)
Week 6	Marriage and Family (part 1)
Week 7	Marriage and Family (part 2)
Week 8	Theological Clarity and Conviction (part 1)
Week 9	Theological Clarity and Conviction (part 2)
Week 10	<i>On Sin and Temptation</i> (John Owen)
Week 11	On the place of children in church (Fiona Millar)
Week 12	Mission-minded lifestyle (part 1)
Week 13	Mission-minded lifestyle (part 2)

Semester 2

Week 1	Ability to teach
Week 2	Disciple-making skills (part 1)
Week 3	Disciple-making skills (part 2)
Week 4	<i>Holiness</i> (JC Ryle)
Week 5	Leadership - Self & Others (part 1)
Week 6	Leadership - Self & Others (part 2)
Week 7	On working with women
Week 8	<i>Respectable Sins</i> (Jerry Bridges)
Week 9	On prayer
Week 10	Entrepreneurial Ministry (part 1)
Week 11	Entrepreneurial Ministry (part 2)
Week 12	Starting out – the challenges of life after College (Panel of recent graduates)
Week 13	<i>Dangerous Calling</i> (Paul Tripp)

CA-MIP Assessments

To pass the unit, students must

1. Attend at least 80% of classes
2. Receive feedback on at least three sermons
3. Lead discussion on at least one book from the list of required reading

Learning Resources

Essential References – Textbook/s

There are two copies of each book available for loan in the QTC Library, however, you may wish to buy your own copy.

Bridges, Jerry. *Respectable Sins: confronting the sins we tolerate*. Colorado Springs, CO: Navpress, 2007.

Edwards, Jonathan. *The Religious Affections*. Edinburgh: Banner of Truth, 1986.

Owen, John, Kelly M. Kopic and Justin Taylor. *Overcoming Sin and Temptation*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2006.

Ryle, J. C. *Holiness: its nature, hindrances, difficulties, and roots*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2007.

Tripp, Paul. *Dangerous Calling: confronting the unique challenges of pastoral ministry*. Wheaton, IL.: Crossway, 2012