

Introduction to and overview of the BUILD curriculum

The BUILD curriculum development process began with a Church of Uganda group listing Scriptures, themes and issues that were apt to their experience of ministry at the local level.

Rather than the process being driven by the traditional pattern of theology, the curriculum was then shaped by the internal structure of the Scriptures, the needs of the context, and according to best curriculum design practice.

This led to an outline with ten training modules, each with fifteen learning units, making 150 total: around 300 contact hours.

The full contents of that curriculum are given after the overview the ten modules and their titles below, and some further explanation.

The titles of the ten modules

Module One

2 Timothy & the Pastoral Epistles:
Preaching the Gospel & Godly Leadership

Module Two

Genesis & the Pentateuch: Knowing God's
Story & Leading by Faith

Module Three

Mark & the Gospels: The Servant King &
Servant Leadership

Module Four

Nehemiah & the Historical Books: Building
God's People & Strategic Leadership

Module Five

Acts & the NT Story: The Mission of the
Church & Missional Leadership

Module Six

Psalms & Poetry: Worshipping the King &
Wholehearted Leadership

Module Seven

Ephesians & the Epistles: God's Plan for
the Church & Local Church Leadership

Module Eight

Proverbs & Wisdom: The Fear of the
Lord & Practical Leadership

Module Nine

Isaiah & the Prophets: The Sovereign
King & Prophetic Leadership

Module Ten

Revelation & Apocalyptic: The Victorious
Christ & Leaders that Endure

Further explanation of the curriculum structure

Each module has four foci of study. First and second, a key book of the Bible and the corpus it is a part of. Third, each module highlights and speaks to a theological theme linked to the book and books, which connects with the local context. Finally, a critical leadership issue that flows from both the Scriptures and the local situation is explored in each module. These four elements are captured in the titles of the modules, for example: 2 Timothy & the Pastoral Epistles: Preaching the Gospel & Godly Leadership (Module One), and Mark & the Gospels: The Servant King & Servant Leadership (Module Three).

In addition each module contains four types of learning unit. 'Tools' provide the knowledge and skills learners need to handle and apply the Bible in their own contexts. 'Encounters' put the tools to work on passages of Scripture, helping learners to discover the meaning of those passages and to teach them to others locally. 'Reflection' units help participants to engage with different issues and to lead others in that process (an encounter-reflection-action model of theological reflection is a centrepiece). 'Action' units offer practical training in a number of essential areas for church leaders.

The titles of the modules together with their learning units in ten sets of fifteen

(Type of learning unit indicated in brackets)

Module One 2 Timothy & the Pastoral Epistles:

Preaching the Gospel & Godly Leadership

- Unit 1. Introducing BUILD (Reflection)
- Unit 2. How to hear God's voice today (Tools)
- Unit 3. Understanding 1 and 2 Timothy (Tools)
- Unit 4. How to encounter a Bible passage (Tools)
- Unit 5. 2 Timothy 1:8-12 (Encounter)
- Unit 6. What is the gospel? (Reflection)
- Unit 7. Sharing the gospel (Action)
- Unit 8. 2 Timothy 2:1-7 (Encounter)
- Unit 9. Gospel centred ministry (Reflection)
- Unit 10. 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (Encounter)
- Unit 11. The Bible and biblical ministry (Reflection)
- Unit 12. 2 Timothy 4:1-5 (Encounter)
- Unit 13. How to preach a Bible passage (Action)
- Unit 14. Titus 1:5-9 (Encounter)
- Unit 15. Leaders of integrity (Action)

Module Two Genesis & the Pentateuch:

Knowing God's Story & Leading by Faith

- Unit 1. The Pentateuch and the Bible's story (Tools)
- Unit 2. Genesis 12:1-9 and God's salvation plan (Tools)
- Unit 3. Understanding Bible stories (Tools)
- Unit 4. Genesis 1:1-2:3 (Encounter)
- Unit 5. God's world and our worldviews (Reflection)
- Unit 6. Stewardship and sustainability (Action)
- Unit 7. Genesis 11:1-9 (Encounter)
- Unit 8. Sin and evil (Reflection)
- Unit 9. Genesis 15 (Encounter)
- Unit 10. God's covenants and our covenants (Reflection)
- Unit 11. Exodus 3:1-12 (Encounter)
- Unit 12. Jesus and the Old Testament (Reflection)
- Unit 13. Encountering the Law (Tools)
- Unit 14. Deuteronomy 5:6-21 (Encounter)
- Unit 15. Leading by faith (Action)

Module Three Mark & the Gospels:

The Servant King & Servant Leadership

- Unit 1. Introducing Mark and the gospels (Tools)
- Unit 2. Mark 2:1-12 (Encounter)
- Unit 3. Understanding the kingdom of God (Reflection)
- Unit 4. How to encounter parables (Tools)
- Unit 5. Mark 4:26-33 (Encounter)
- Unit 6. Proclaiming the kingdom of God (Action)
- Unit 7. Matthew 5:1-12 (Encounter)
- Unit 8. Poverty and prosperity (Reflection)
- Unit 9. Matthew 6:5-15 (Encounter)
- Unit 10. Praying for the kingdom of God (Action)
- Unit 11. Mark 8:31-9:1 (Encounter)
- Unit 12. The servant king and servant leadership (Reflection)
- Unit 13. Mark 12:1-12 (Encounter)
- Unit 14. The cross and the Lord's Supper (Reflection)
- Unit 15. Making disciples (Action)

**Module Four Nehemiah & the Historical Books:
Building God's People & Strategic Leadership**

- Unit 1. Building the Bible's story (Tools)
- Unit 2. Encountering Ruth (Tools)
- Unit 3. Nehemiah 1 (Encounter)
- Unit 4. Intercession (Action)
- Unit 5. Nehemiah 2:11-20 (Encounter)
- Unit 6. Mobilising God's people (Action)
- Unit 7. Nehemiah 4 (Encounter)
- Unit 8. Facing opposition (Action)
- Unit 9. Nehemiah 5 (Encounter)
- Unit 10. Poverty alleviation (Action)
- Unit 11. Nehemiah 8:1-12 (Encounter)
- Unit 12. Expository preaching (Action)
- Unit 13. Leading small groups (Action)
- Unit 14. Building God's people (Reflection)
- Unit 15. Strategic leadership (Action)

**Module Five Acts & the New Testament Story:
The Mission of the Church & Missional Leadership**

- Unit 1. Encountering Acts and the NT Story (Tools)
- Unit 2. Encountering Acts 2:1-13 (Encounter)
- Unit 3. God's mission and our mission (Reflection)
- Unit 4. Encountering Acts 2:42-47 (Encounter)
- Unit 5. Mission shaped church (Action)
- Unit 6. Encountering Acts 8:9-25 (Encounter)
- Unit 7. The Holy Spirit and baptism (Reflection)
- Unit 8. Deliverance and healing (Action)
- Unit 9. Encountering Acts 15:36-41 (Encounter)
- Unit 10. Handling conflict (Action)
- Unit 11. Christian mission and local culture (Reflection)
- Unit 12. Encountering Acts 17:16-34 (Encounter)
- Unit 13. Christ's Lordship and other religions (Reflection)
- Unit 14. Evangelistic speaking (Action)
- Unit 15. Missional leadership (Action)

**Module Six Psalms & Poetry:
Worshipping the King & Wholehearted Leadership**

- Unit 1. Encountering the Psalms and Poetry (Tools)
- Unit 2. Psalm 23 (Encounter)
- Unit 3. Guidance: How God leads his people (Reflection)
- Unit 4. Psalm 51 (Encounter)
- Unit 5. Wholehearted leadership (Reflection)
- Unit 6. Kingship and Christ in the Psalms (Tools)
- Unit 7. Psalm 73 (Encounter)
- Unit 8. Reflection & action, learning & teaching (Tools)
- Unit 9. Songs of suffering (Reflection)
- Unit 10. Dying & death, burial & bereavement (Action)
- Unit 11. Psalm 95 (Encounter)
- Unit 12. Worshipping the King (Action)
- Unit 13. Psalm 127 (Encounter)
- Unit 14. The pastor's family and God's family (Action)
- Unit 15. Learning from your church's story (Reflection)

Module Seven Ephesians & the Epistles:

God's Plan for the Church & Local Church Leadership

- Unit 1. Understanding Ephesians and the Epistles (Tools)
- Unit 2. Ephesians 1:3-10 (Encounter)
- Unit 3. Confidence in Christ (Reflection)
- Unit 4. Ephesians 3:7-13 (Encounter)
- Unit 5. God's plan for the church (Reflection)
- Unit 6. Ephesians 4:11-16 (Encounter)
- Unit 7. Transforming church leadership (Action)
- Unit 8. Ephesians 4:29-32 (Encounter)
- Unit 9. Building a new community (Action)
- Unit 10. Building Bible interpretation skills (Tools)
- Unit 11. Ephesians 5:25-33 (Encounter)
- Unit 12. Gender, marriage and ministry (Reflection)
- Unit 13. Understanding the Trinity (Reflection)
- Unit 14. Ephesians 6:10-17 (Encounter)
- Unit 15. Spiritual warfare (Action)

Module Eight Proverbs & Wisdom:

The Fear of the Lord & Practical Leadership

- Unit 1. Introducing wisdom (Tools)
- Unit 2. Encountering Proverbs (Tools)
- Unit 3. Proverbs 3:1-12 (Encounter)
- Unit 4. Wisdom for leadership I (Reflection)
- Unit 5. Proverbs 5:15-23 (Encounter)
- Unit 6. The Song, sex and sexuality (Reflection)
- Unit 7. Issues facing the church: HIV and AIDS (Action)
- Unit 8. Proverbs 11:23-27 and 13:7-11 (Encounter)
- Unit 9. Wisdom with funds (Action)
- Unit 10. Proverbs 20:5-12 (Encounter)
- Unit 11. Wise counsel (Action)
- Unit 12. Proverbs 27:11-22 (Encounter)
- Unit 13. Working with children and young people (Action)
- Unit 14. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (Encounter)
- Unit 15. Wisdom for Leadership II (Action)

Module Nine Isaiah & the Prophets:

The Sovereign King & Prophetic Leadership

- Unit 1. Encountering the Prophets (Tools)
- Unit 2. Introducing Isaiah (Tools)
- Unit 3. Isaiah 6 (Encounter)
- Unit 4. Preaching the Prophets (Action)
- Unit 5. Isaiah 12 (Encounter)
- Unit 6. Prophecy today (Reflection)
- Unit 7. Isaiah 40:1-11 (Encounter)
- Unit 8. "Here is your God!" (Reflection)
- Unit 9. Isaiah 53:1-6 (Encounter)
- Unit 10. Isaiah, Christ and the New Testament (Reflection)
- Unit 11. Isaiah 58:6-9 (Encounter)
- Unit 12. Advocacy and the local church (Action)
- Unit 13. Isaiah 61:1-4 (Encounter)
- Unit 14. A great commission (Reflection)
- Unit 15. Prophetic leadership (Action)

Module Ten

Revelation & Apocalyptic:

The Victorious Christ & Leaders that Endure

- Unit 1. Introducing Revelation (Tools)
- Unit 2. Exploring Revelation and Apocalyptic (Tools)
- Unit 3. Revelation 1:12-18 (Encounter)
- Unit 4. A leader's vision of Christ (Reflection)
- Unit 5. Revelation 2:1-7 (Encounter)
- Unit 6. A leader's vision of the church (Reflection)
- Unit 7. Revelation 5:1-10 (Encounter)
- Unit 8. Revelation 6:1-8 (Encounter)
- Unit 9. A leader's vision of history (Reflection)
- Unit 10. Persecution and martyrdom (Action)
- Unit 11. Revelation 19:11-21 (Encounter)
- Unit 12. A leader's vision of judgment (Reflection)
- Unit 13. Revelation 21:1-8 (Encounter)
- Unit 14. A leader's vision of heaven (Reflection)
- Unit 15. Leaders that endure (Action)