



Course Summary

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Be better
equipped to
serve Jesus
in His church



Forming Local Church Leaders

“Equip is a foundation course in Christian Leadership for those who want to dip their toe into the sea of theology and biblical studies to be better equipped to serve Jesus and His church.” - Joth Hunt

Equip Kent is a partnership between SEBA, Bristol Baptist College and New Wells Church Family.

If you are interested in Equip Kent, please register your interest via our website and one of the Regional Team will get in touch with you: **seba-baptist.org.uk/kent-equip**





Summary of the Equip course

This course is designed to be versatile giving people the options of either attending an individual Saturday session, undertaking a single module or booking onto the whole course. It is also the course required for those applying to be a Recognised Local Minister within our association.

Course levels

1: Turn up and grow

Book yourself onto any of the Saturday sessions; turn up and grow in your Christian faith.

£50 per Saturday session

2: One step at a time

Book yourself onto any module*, complete it and see how you go. (*Modules comprise of 2 or 3 Saturday sessions).

£90-£135 per module

3: Dedicated track

This is for those who want to commit to the whole course across 2 years. Book yourself onto Equip and complete all 8 modules (17 Saturday sessions).

£375 per year (£720 for the whole course)

4. Advanced Pathway

This is designed for those who want to go deeper and further. Students supplement the Saturday sessions with additional reading, study, tutorials and assessments. If you are following the Baptist Recognised Local Ministry pathway you will need to take this option. By completing this course you will qualify for a certificate recognising your training with SEBA & Bristol Baptist College.

£625 per year (£1250 for the whole course).

This includes additional tutorials, attendance of a spiritual formation group and marking of assessments.

**Participate at
four different
levels**

Summary of the Equip Course

1. The Bible

1a Introduction to the Bible

A whistle-stop tour of the whole of the Bible, its various genres, how it holds together and how we might understand it.

1b Introduction to the OT

How to read and study the Old Testament through history, poetry, wisdom, prophecy and how it points to the promised Christ.

1c Introduction to the NT

Understanding the New Testament and its fulfilment of the Messiah through the gospels, the birth of the church and the letters to the church.

2. The Mission of God

2a Introduction to the Mission of God

An introduction to 'missio dei' in Christ. This session would include a look at contemporary culture and the relevance of the gospel in today's world.

2b Missional Church

What does it mean to be a missional church and the role of community evangelism, outreach and justice through words, works and wonders.

2c Missional Disciples

Consideration of our own missional practices and evangelism and how social action, the spoken word and acts of justice form our outreach.

3. Leadership

3a Introduction to Christian Leadership

What does Christian leadership look like? What styles of leadership are there? Understanding of oneself in the call of leadership.

3b Pastoral Care, Equipping and Empowerment

A look at how Christian leaders should relate to others through pastoral care, equipping of the saints and the empowering of other disciples and leaders.

3c Missional Leadership

A consideration of the role leadership plays in seeing an effective missional community emerge and grow.

4. Christian Beliefs

4a Foundations of Belief 1

Includes:

- Who is God?
- Who is Jesus?
- Who is the Spirit?
- The place of scripture
- The role of the church

4b Foundations of Belief 2

Includes:

- The centrality of Jesus' death and resurrection
- Living as disciples of Jesus
- What is the Kingdom of God?
- The importance of the return of Jesus
- Our understanding of eternal life, heaven and our own resurrection

**Designed to be modular
and versatile to meet your
requirements**

5. Reflective Practice

5a Introduction to Reflective Practice

A session that will focus on who we are, how God has formed us, how our experiences have shaped us, our gifts, our calling and our character.

5b Supplementary Sessions

The reflective module can be supplemented by attending an association run spiritual formation group.

6. Spirituality and Formation

6a Introduction to Spiritual Formation

Learning from spiritual disciplines and practices including studying God's word, prayer, prophecy, solitude, fasting, contemplation, meditation etc.

6b Supplementary Sessions

The spirituality module can be supplemented by attending an association run spiritual formation group.

7. Baptist Foundations

7a Our Baptist Heritage

What might we learn from Baptist history and the principles that have guided the Baptist family for over 400 years?

7b Leadership in a Baptist context

What does Baptist leadership look like and how might we serve best as leaders within a Baptist context?

8. Ministry Practice

To complete the course you will need to choose two of the sessions below.

8a Leading Worship

Worship is an essential part of the Christian life. We reflect on the theology and practice of worship, drawing from a range of styles and practices.

8b Telling God's Story

How do we communicate the story of God today? We will consider preaching, teaching, small group communication and discussion, as well as creative and digital communication of the gospel.

8c Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy comes in many shapes and sizes. We will specifically consider the role of chaplaincy in various contexts and situations and the role it plays within the kingdom of God.

8d Children, Youth and Families

An introduction to Children, Youth and Families ministry and its importance in mission and discipleship.

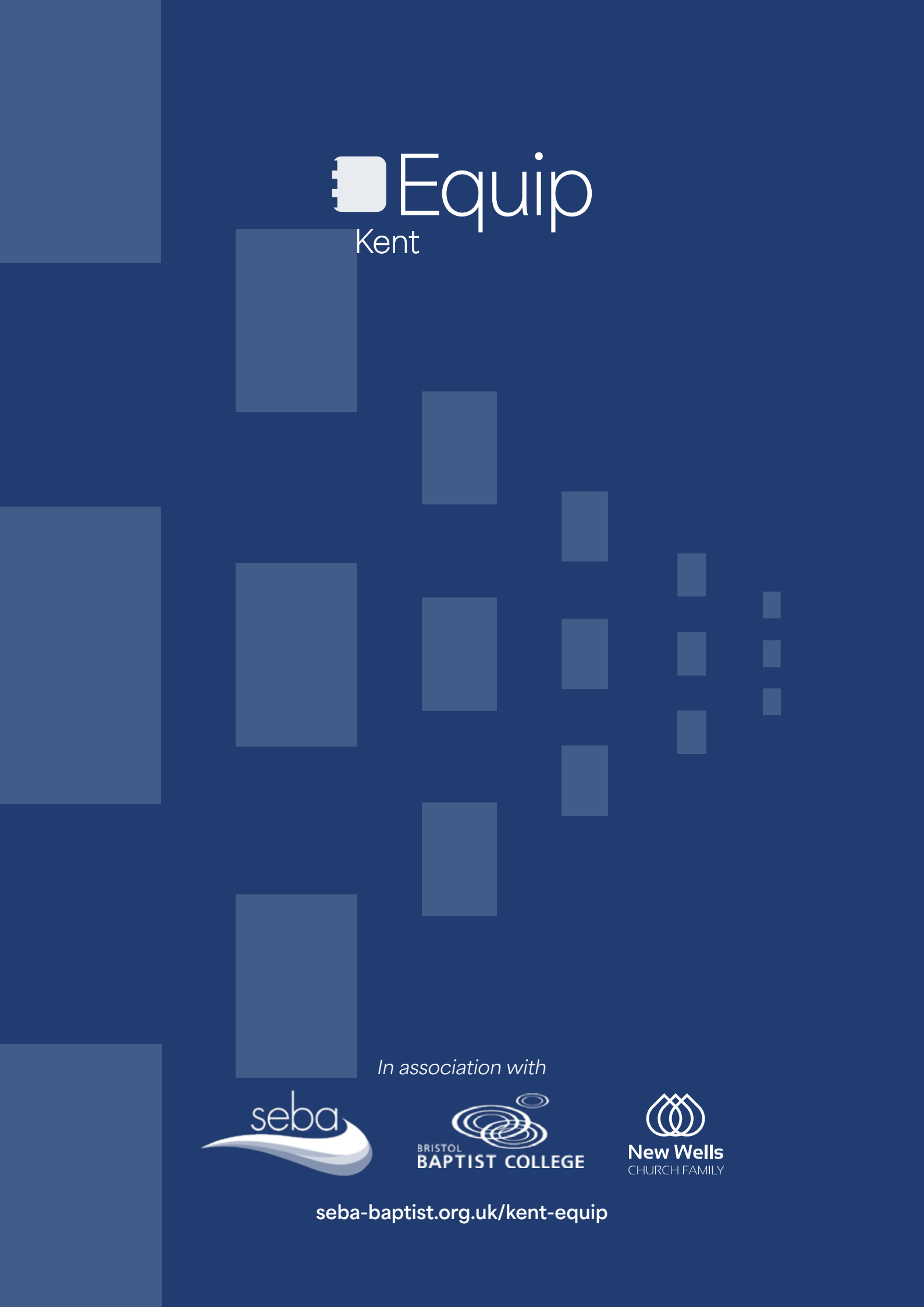
8e Small Group Leadership

The context and dynamics of a small group will be considered with tips and tricks given on how to lead a small group well in various contexts.

8f Church Planting and Pioneering

An introduction to various church planting models and strategies. It will also consider when, why and how a church would plant new Christian communities.





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