

September 2019

Valley Academy



A Welcome Letter from the Academy Presidents

Building the Church of Jesus Christ has always been the biggest of privileges, and each September, we invite people passionate about the local church to join us for a year of training and equipping at Valley Academy.

Valley Academy is primarily about one thing: seeing people trained to launch new congregations of believers and taking those new congregations forward into their God-purposed potential, be that in a multi-site church through campuses and extension services, or autonomous church plants. Even if this does not become your future, we believe this training will equip you for whatever God has for you.

We believe that the local church is the hope of the world, and that it is God's 'plan A' for seeing the gospel preached, and people won for Jesus Christ.



We'd love to invite you—whether you see yourself as a potential church leader, launch team member or someone who simply wants to grow in their faith—to apply for Valley Academy and see what God will do in and through you!

Please enjoy reading the rest of the brochure. God bless, and we'll see you in September.

Ed & Michele

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Academy Presidents



The Church We See

Is a home for all, where people of any generation, age, race and background are welcomed, valued and loved.

It's a place where each and every person can encounter God and find Jesus as Saviour, Lord and Friend.

Ours is a house of hope, where the broken and hurting can find love, healing and restoration as they fix their eyes on Jesus, as they build their lives on His Word, discovering in Him amazing grace, complete freedom and unlimited blessing.

The church we see is a place where all people who come are empowered and encouraged to reach their full potential in Christ, causing a generation to rise up, living fully alive and becoming all that God created them to be and purposed them to do; it's a place where dreams are born and fulfilled.

We see a place where each one of us grows in our relationship with Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit to reflect more and more of His character, gaining a confidence that is born out of an unshakeable faith in each and every one of His promises.

It's a place where there is a fierce passion, an all consuming belief, that together we can embark on adventures to build the kingdom of God and transform lives, families, communities, cities and nations for His glory.

The church we see is a place where everyone is released into their God-given leadership; where they are inspired, encouraged, resourced and released to impact all levels of society, living a generous life and therefore giving away that which cannot be kept, to enable others to gain that which cannot be lost.

It's a place where the sound of the house is created, championed and set free to echo around the world.

The church we see is a place of influence, so large its heartbeat is felt across the nations, and yet within it, so small that all find a family.

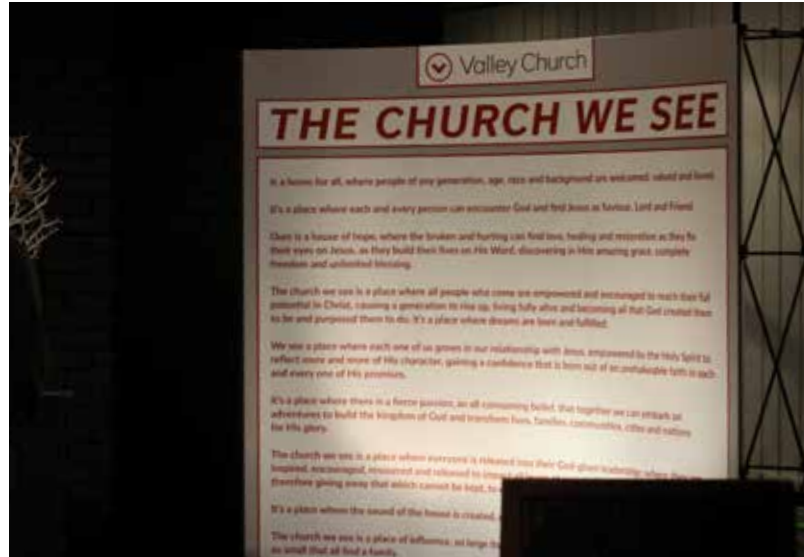
WELCOME HOME

Why Valley Church?

We believe that the local church should be a home for everyone, no matter who they are or where they've come from. Studying here isn't just about theory, but about being a key part of a thriving local church.

We want to help you discover the gifts that God has placed in your life and use them in a real church setting.

As one church in many locations, there are so many areas for you to outwork the gifts and skills God has placed in you. Whether you're a budding preacher, graphic designer, love to empower children and young people, or enjoy meeting new people, we have somewhere for you to get stuck in. And with campus and extension service planting at the heart of our course, there will always be something new for you to try!

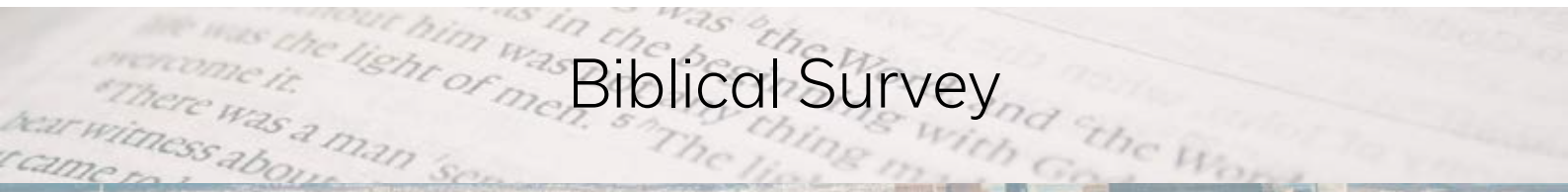


At the centre of it all, we have a huge heart for people—we believe everybody is amazing because God made them! Our desire is for everyone who comes through our doors to feel like part of the family whether it's their first time or their hundredth.

The people of Valley become partners in the vision, not just simply members or volunteers. We take hold of the vision and live it out in our everyday lives.

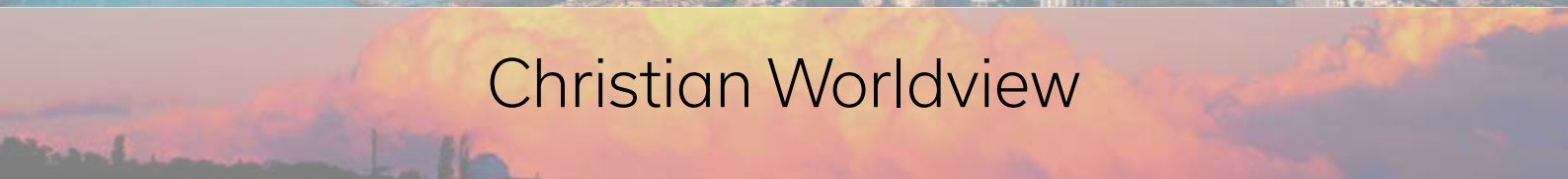
Course Outline

There are eight classroom modules, and each module consists of ten sessions. Our hope is that you will receive a well-rounded theoretical and practical application of all of the topics covered during your study. Each module has been designed to be accessible to a range of learning styles.



Biblical Survey

Campus & Extension Service Planting



Christian Worldview



Church Leadership



Communication



Evangelism



Ministry Development



Personal Leadership

Meet the Staff



Ed Carter

Senior Pastor & Academy President



Michele Carter

Senior Pastor & Academy President



Dave Scholes

Executive Pastor



Katie Goulding

Service Pastor



Mel Scholes

Service Pastor



Claire Pemberton

Youth Pastor

Guests

Throughout the year we will be joined by a number of guests and friends of Valley. Previous guests included: Ian Jagelman (Alphacrucis College), Simon McIntyre (C3 Church), Beth Blois (Hope City Church), John & Lisa Greenow (Xcel Church) and Mark & Joyce Wilkinson. (Berlin Connect)



Testimonials



“From the moment we decided to call Valley Church “home”, our lives have never been the same! It has been so exciting to be part of a culture

that is driven by a vision focused leadership. God has taken me and my family on a new journey and we feel encouraged and empowered to be all He has made us to be!”

Dave Parkinson, Creative Area Leader



“During my time as an intern, I grasped the diversity of the teaching in the written and spoken word of God and what it really means

to be a Christian. I embraced the vision of Valley as I already had a heart to see young people won for Christ. I began to learn so much about myself and I soon realised that I can do anything when I put my mind to it! Valley Church helped me to achieve so much in a short amount of time. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to be part of something so life changing. Now I have a job, I am a youth leader and I have friends that support me. I would not change it for the world. The best is yet to come!”

John Darwen, Intern 2012-2013



“Being part of the very first Valley Academy course was a huge honour for me. I work full time but my employer was flexible as they could

see the benefits of the course translating into the workplace. The course itself is jam-packed with great leadership teaching from amazing speakers/teachers from around the globe that really invested into the group and shared real world practical advice from their combined experiences. The content of the course is excellent and provided all the essentials for Church Planting or life in Ministry. I can thoroughly recommend it.”

**Pete Sharp, Academy Student
2015-16, and now Location Leader**



“My husband and I enrolled on the first Valley Academy course and I had not studied since leaving school. As a stay at home mum in

my forties I felt nervous about starting the course but the faculty completely made me feel relaxed, and as I gained confidence they encouraged me to reach my full potential. This has enabled me to not only grow in my personal walk with God, but it has empowered us as a family, and we are now church planting in the North East of England.”

**Jo Sharp, Academy Student
2015-16, and now Location Leader**

Our Facilities



Our Preston campus is where most of your academic study will take place. With a modern worship auditorium and dedicated classrooms, it's the perfect place to learn, develop your skills and be part of a local church.

You can find us at Fourfields, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6GS. If you want to get in touch email general@valleychurch.eu, call 01772 696717 or visit our website at valleychurch.eu.

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