

Rutherford House Small Group Resource Review form

Resource name: Identity

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Length of course: 7 Sessions (1½ hrs each)

Year produced: 2011

Format: DVD with accompanying guide books. All material, including the videos is available to download at 10ofthose.com The material is also available in various languages.

General Theme: Evangelistic

Review:

The course is based on John's gospel, and through the seven sessions seeks to answer the questions 'Who is God? Who are we?'

In each of the sessions there is a bible study, bible talk and an 'apologetic' talk. This second, shorter talk seeks to answer some of the big objections to Christianity, always basing the answer on the text of John's gospel. After each talk there is a chance to respond to what has been said in small groups.

In some sessions the link between the two sections was disjointed, or even forced. It appeared like we were putting down one thing and being asked to think of a 'big question' which wasn't being asked at that time by the group. Whilst it is needful to address these questions, I do wonder if there is a more natural way of approaching it.

The bible talks are led by Lee McMunn. He is an engaging speaker, with well illustrated talks. Unfortunately the videos are simply shot at a course he is delivering. He interacts well with the group in front of him, but that doesn't come across too well to us who are on the other side of the camera.

The course does not shy away from difficult concepts or passages. It begins with John 1:1-18, seeking to show who God is, and give an defence of the doctrine of the trinity. I felt this was heavy, even off putting for an evangelistic course, yet it didn't seem to deter our participants.

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Through the material you do get a clear explanation of who God is, our need of a Saviour, provided for us by Jesus Christ. As with all evangelistic courses, one to one follow up during and after the course is essential.