

LEADING A HUB

Purpose of a hub.

A Theology Network hub is a place for you to actively pursue the desire to see yourself and your theology department transformed by the gospel. These hubs are CU-based, student-led groups in which theology students like you are *supported*, *equipped*, and *mobilised* to study faithfully as followers of Christ and bear witness to Him in their departments.

Supported through the challenges of studying theology.

Equipped to integrate academic theology and gospel-centred faith.

Mobilised to witness to the gospel in the academy and to their coursemates.

Let this shape the way you run your hub and remember to communicate it regularly to the group.

Leading well.

Leading a hub, like all Christian leadership, is about serving others well. It is less about *what* you can do and more about *who* you are. The standard is active growth, not perfection.¹

You do not need to be an expert in any area of theology or administration to lead a hub, but there are some practical commitments that you make.

You commit to:

- Signing your assent to UCCF's Doctrinal Basis
- Organising your hub to meet *at least once a month* during term.
- Putting on one evangelistic event each term (this could be as simple as getting your group to invite non-Christians to one of your hub meetings).
- Sending the Theology Network Co-ordinator prayer points for the hub each term.
- Attending the termly hub leader training sessions (September, January, and April)

Support for you.

You are not alone in leading your hub. We also make some practical commitments to support and equip you as you lead your Theology Network hub. We commit to:

- Praying regularly for you and your hub.
- A call or in-person meeting at least once during term time (from the Theology Network Co-ordinator or your TN Associate Staff Worker).
- At least one in-person visit across the year (though more may be possible).
- Running a training session at the start of each term for hub leaders.

¹ The characteristics described in the article on 'handover' on the website are worth reflecting on throughout your time leading a hub: <https://theologynetwork.uk/leading-a-hub/handover>

Resources to help you lead.

From Theology Network:

Monthly email <https://mailchi.mp/75ef35a87930/sign-up-for-theology-network-emails>
| Regular updates and exclusive content from Theology Network

'Leading a Hub' <https://theologynetwork.uk/leading-a-hub> | Articles to help you think through different aspects of organising and running a hub. Including:

- Planning your programme for the year
- Welcome week
- Handover

'Discuss' <https://theologynetwork.uk/discuss> | Ready-to go studies and group discussions.

We recommend:

Themelios, <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/themelios/> | A free online evangelical theological journal filled with articles and book reviews on a huge range of topics.

Tyndale Bulletin, <https://tyndalebulletin.org> | A peer-reviewed academic journal for biblical scholarship and related disciplines from Tyndale House, Cambridge. Free to access online.

Text and Canon Institute, <https://textandcanon.org> | A research centre based out of Phoenix Seminary focussed on the history of the bible.

UCCF’s Doctrinal Basis

The basis of the Fellowship shall be the fundamental truths of Christianity, as revealed in Holy Scripture, including:

- 1 There is one God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 2 God is sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
- 3 The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.
- 4 Since the fall, the whole of humankind is sinful and guilty, so that everyone is subject to ‘God’s wrath and condemnation.
- 5 The Lord Jesus Christ, God’s incarnate Son, is fully God; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth.
- 6 Sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of their representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between them and God.
- 7 Those who believe in Christ are pardoned all their sins and accepted in God’s sight only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them; this justification is God’s act of undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in him and not by their own efforts.
- 8 The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ.
- 9 The Holy Spirit lives in all those he has regenerated. He makes them increasingly Christlike in character and behaviour and gives them power for their witness in the world.
- 10 The one holy universal church is the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong.
- 11 The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, to judge everyone, to execute God’s just condemnation on those who have not repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory.

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