

## What EFM students have said in other parts of the UK:

“I really look forward to my EFM night - it makes the week!”

“I was concerned about reading and studying but EFM has given me confidence for the first time in my life.”

“I now feel that my faith is making sense and I can explain to others what I believe with a feeling of real confidence and knowledge.”

“We don’t all agree at our meetings but this is the first forum I’ve experienced where people learn to respect other peoples’ views.”

“EFM seminars are real fun - they’re the place where I take real risks and share my radical thoughts and doubts.”

“Since doing this course of study I’ve grown up as a Christian and feel excited about the future.”

“I always wanted to study for a degree having missed the opportunity when I was young. Half way through my studies with EFM ‘Changing Lives’ guess what happened? I took the plunge and am in my first year of a degree course and loving it!”

“I thought I’d never afford the course fees but I got a grant from the church council and did some ironing for those in the group and I meet the £15 a month standing order without any trouble at all.”

“I used to listen to the Vicar’s sermons and not understand them. Now I discuss the sermon with her after the service instead of just saying ‘good morning Vicar’!”

## *“Changing Lives”*

**An international ecumenical Christian  
Nurture Programme developing in Peterborough and Northants**

Reached the point where you want to know  
more about your Christian Faith?

Have you done the basics time after time  
but now want to learn in depth?

Would you like to apply what the bible teaches  
to the events in your everyday life?

**Then read on**

Education for Ministry 'Changing Lives' (E.F.M.) is a unique and exciting course for anybody who really wants to learn about the Christian faith and their discipleship in the world. It is a registered educational charity. It was developed in the USA and now is used internationally as a major programme in Christian nurture. It is open to people of any denomination.

It is an extensive and intensive course, and those who embark upon it will need to put aside regular time for study, as well as a weekly group meeting in term time. During the first year the Old Testament is studied and for those who want to continue and complete a further three years. The other subjects include the New Testament, Church history, Christian ethics, liturgy and theology.

The full course takes four years to complete, but students register a year at a time, and can take a break in the course if they need to. At the end of the four years a Diploma will be issued by the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, USA. Certificates in Christian Theology and Biblical Studies issued by Chester College can be awarded and used towards a degree.

Education for Ministry is not just for 'clever' people - it is a course which is appropriate for people of all levels of ability. One needs to be able to read and there is a need to be committed. For those who lack confidence in their own ability it is also able to be 'pitched' to the ability of each individual student.

The word 'Ministry' is a confusing term, understood in the USA but often misinterpreted in the UK because people associate it with the ordained ministry. E.F.M. is not a route for training for the ordained ministry or other accredited ministries, though by the end of it the knowledge and confidence gained would prove to any authority a commitment to study and a breadth of knowledge.

Ministry concerns the way a person lives out the Christian faith in their life setting - so E.F.M. helps people to become confident about their role in the world and it helps them make sense about issues of faith in the context of their family, church, and work.

E.F.M. offers a unique model of educational and spiritual growth for all Christians. If you join, then you will be one of many hundred of students who have studied in the UK and countless thousands throughout the world.

If you want to know more, then come along to the introductory meeting led by members of a Northants EFM Group.

## **Introductory Meetings to EFM 'Changing Lives'**

**Tuesday 9th May or Tuesday 13th June.**

**7.30 p.m. start**

**with refreshments served from 6.45 p.m.**

**At Bouverie Court**

Just turn up to either of these and find out more.

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