

Course Overview

What is the Discovery Course?

The Discovery Course (contact:

info@DiscoveryCourse.org) is a **13 week course meeting once per week**, that covers the "<u>28 Fundamental Beliefs</u>" of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, encompassing teaching about the Bible and Jesus. The course can be done online by Zoom, or also offline in a church member's home, etc.. All constructive questions are welcomed. *Please note that the course name, logo and structure are currently in the process of being created and authorised and anything could theoretically change, before its potential publishing in summer 2023.*

Who is the course for?

The Discovery Course is for anyone and everyone—whether you are an atheist, agnostic, Buddhist,

Muslim, or even current Seventh-day Adventist looking to enhance your understanding of Bible truths, this is the place for you (in future more specialised sessions might be created, such as to cater to Buddhists, etc.). There is no requirement to attend church at any point during or after the course and although you are strongly encouraged to complete all the sessions, you are permitted to leave the course at any point.

What will happen during the course?

The course is divided into quarter of a year (13 weeks), with the first week being an introduction, covering the following topics:

- Jesus,
- God and the Holy Spirit,
- the Bible,
- Prayer,
- Baptism and the Lord's Supper,
- the Ten Commandments and the Sabbath,
- Creation and the Great Controversy,
- Salvation,
- Heaven,
- the Seventh-day Adventist Church,
- Ellen White and the Seventh-day Adventist Church's teachings,

• the life of a Christian and marriage.

Initially there will be a short video, then a discussion, then prayer, after that a meal (if studying offline) and an optional longer retreat during the course. All leaders of the group should be official Seventh-day Adventist members of good standing and if in doubt of someone's credentials, please always check with your local pastor before commencing studying—online support forums for discussion and questions will also be available.

What are the costs of the course?

The Discovery Course is free to attend. There will be some useful (paper) books available to enhance the course, that are intended to be reasonably priced—your church may be able to cover the cost unless you request to yourself. In addition, in the unlikely event that your church does not have the funds to do so, please email full details to the Discovery Course (info@DiscoveryCourse.org) for us to assist. Furthermore, meals at a church member's house will be free, although the long retreat will need to be covered by yourself/the church (you are always welcome to provide a small

donation to cover food costs of the course, etc.)—we hope to see you soon "in **Discovery**".