



'Come and see' was how Jesus invited Andrew and John, His first two followers, to join Him on a journey of discovery. This same invitation was extended, implicitly or explicitly, to many other people during the next two or three years. It was met with different responses. Some realised that Jesus was the Messiah, God's chosen One, the person they had been seeking. Others were taken by surprise, recognising that He was the answer to situations in which they were trapped. But others had a vested interest in denying Jesus' identity and turned against Him in fear and anger. As we follow the story of John's Gospel over several months, what will our response be to Jesus' invitation to 'come and see'?

This series continues from **Sunday 8th January at 10:00am**

Big, complex, old ... just some of the words people use to describe the Bible. Sound familiar? That's where **The Bible Course** comes in as we kick off our Sunday morning café and conversation sessions on Sunday 15th January. Across a series of eight Sundays, with video presentation, group discussion and personal reflection this is a great place to question and discuss together as we take a birds-eye view of the world's bestselling book, and see its relevance to life today. These sessions are accessible for people, trying out church, new to Christianity, and ideal as a follow-on from Alpha.



We'll be serving drinks from 9:45am and the session starts at 10:00am.



The Lounge@Belmont starts on **Sunday 15th January at 10:00am**

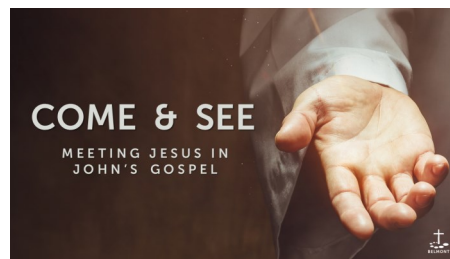


The BIG Church Day is taking place on **Saturday 11th March**. A festival day for the whole church. We'll have teaching, sung worship, quizzes and challenges, city-wide adventures, food and fellowship. Our guest speaker for the day is Derek Burnside, and our sung worship will be led by singer/songwriter Andy Flannagan. More details to follow but put the date in your diary ready for a great day together.



TEACHING PROGRAMME SPRING 2023

To keep up to date with any changes regarding online and in-person gatherings please read Focus and visit the Belmont website regularly.



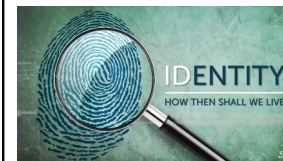
Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

John 6:35



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John Stott in his book 'Issues facing Christians Today' reminds his readers that every generation of Christians face the same unique challenge - 'to live in the world under the Word.'

The society that surrounds us constantly presents new challenges for us as Christians. How are we to live wisely and well when faced with worldviews that appear to run contrary to the teachings of Scripture? In this series we will be exploring some of the most pressing contemporary political, social and moral challenges facing us today. We will be looking our attitudes to money and possessions, contentment, relativism, morality and justice.

This series starts on **Sunday 8th January at 5:00pm**

On **Sunday 22nd January at 6:00pm** there is an invitation to attend St Matt's Church for a city-wide **Exeter Prays** event. A great opportunity to meet and pray alongside Christians from churches across the city. An informative, inspiring and encouraging evening of prayer and worship.



In theory we all know we can be confident in our faith. When we are gathered together with other Christians we often feel full of confidence. But when daily life hits, it can all drain away. How can we,

with God's help, change that? During this season of Lent we will explore what the Bible has to say about growing deep faith-confidence that lasts from Sunday into the rest of our week. A series designed to equip us to be better prepared to represent Christ on our Frontlines every day. In addition to the Sunday teaching, this series will be accompanied by a Lenten reading plan and prayer guide.

This series starts on **Sunday 26th February at 5:00pm**

Links to the **Sunday Morning Service** and other Belmont activities can be found on the website at www.belmontexeter.church/news/.

Look out for more details in Focus and on MyChurchSuite to connect with other events going on during the week.

For **Young Families** please check out this [Facebook page](#).

For **Youth** please check out this [Instagram page](#).

If you would like to be connected with a Home Group then please contact the Office at office@belmontexeter.church. All these links are available through MyChurchSuite for those with access.

Spring 2023	Morning Worship		Afternoon Worship	
Date	10:00am - Auditorium live-stream available online	10:00am - The Lounge@Belmont café-style	4:00pm - Auditorium	5:00pm - Auditorium unless otherwise stated
1st January AM communion	Communion Service a quiet and reflective time of remembrance			
8th January PM communion	Come and See Come, follow Me All Together Worship John 21		Communion Service a quiet and reflective time of remembrance	Identity Perspective in a world that lives for the moment Titus 2:11-14 Nick Goldsworthy
15th January	Come and See In the House of Mercy Jonny Baker John 5:1-14	The Lounge@Belmont The Bible Course Session 1		Identity Service in a world that looks after number one Mark 10:32-45 Simon Richards
22nd January AM communion	Come and See By whose authority? Simon Richards John 5:15-47	The Lounge@Belmont The Bible Course Session 2		Exeter Prays @ St Matt's A city-wide Exeter prayer event - starting at <u>6:00pm</u>
29th January	Come and See Passover provision Saz Flint John 6:1-24	The Lounge@Belmont The Bible Course Session 3		Identity Contentment in a world that never has enough Matthew 6:19-34 Alfie Green
5th February Dedication Sunday PM communion	Come and See The Bread of Life Alex Yates John 6:25-71	The Lounge@Belmont The Bible Course Session 4	Communion Service a quiet and reflective time of remembrance	Identity Certainty in a world in which everything is relative John 14:6 Ben Farrar
12th February AM communion	Come and See At the feast - Part 1 Paul Cooke John 7:1-24	The Lounge@Belmont The Bible Course Session 5		Identity Morality in a world where anything goes Galatians 5:16-26 Richard Judd
19th February	Come and See At the feast - Part 2 Paul Cooke John 7:25-52	The Lounge@Belmont The Bible Course Session 6		Identity Wholeheartedness in a world that can't be bothered Hebrews 11:24-26 Jen Hudson
26th February AM communion	Come and See Woman, where are they? Gemma Cain John 7:53-8:11	The Lounge@Belmont The Bible Course Session 7		Confidence Confidence grows through being convinced Romans 8:37-38 Nick Goldsworthy
5th March PM communion	Baptism Sunday Simon Richards			Confidence Confidence grows through community Proverbs 27:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:11 with communion Richard Judd
12th March AM communion	Membership Sunday All Together Worship			NO evening service
19th March AM communion	Come and See Light of the World Jonny Baker John 8:12-29	The Lounge@Belmont The Bible Course Session 8		Confidence Confidence grows through compassion Jeremiah 38:11-14 Gemma Cain
26th March PM communion	Come and See Which father, which freedom? Megan Gaston John 8:30-59			Confidence Confidence grows through competence 1 Peter 3:15-16 with communion Andrew Trezise
2nd April PM communion	Palm Sunday Come and See The anointed King Nick Goldsworthy John 12:1-19			Confidence Confidence grows through courage Daniel 3:13-18 with communion Saz Flint
9th April AM communion	Easter Sunday Come and See Who are you looking for? All Together Worship John 20:1-18			NO evening service