

In a nutshell.

This is a Lent course with a difference.

It will form the basis of the sermon series in church and will be delivered in small groups. The small groups start in Lent but do not finish there.

If you were part of *The Bible Course* you will know the encouragement that being part of a small group brings. As Christians we are really not intended to fly solo all week, with a little bit of “formation flying” thrown in on a Sunday morning.

The author of the course (Cris Rogers) has used the idea of our unique discipleship shape to help us identify the areas in which we can become ever more fruitful.

First we will all discover what our shape is. Then we will set about altering it.

The Aims of The Course

Our aims for this course are that everyone will:

- Understand what discipleship is;
- Know why is it important;
- Be personally committed to it;
- Have identified their own strengths and weaknesses in discipleship;
- Have their own personal plan to develop their discipleship.



St John's
Haydon Wick

Making Disciples

Beginning Lent 2020



Head

Heart

Hand

The Course Dates

Week starting	
1 Mar	Making Disciples
8 Mar	Making Disciples
15 Mar	Making Disciples
22 Mar	Prayer Meetings
29 Mar	Making Disciples
5 Apr	No Meeting
12 Apr	No Meeting
19 Apr	Making Disciples
26 Apr	Making Disciples
3 May	Making Disciples
10 May	Prayer Meetings
17 May	Making Disciples
24 May	No Meeting
31 May	Making Disciples

“Go and *make disciples* of all nations”. Matthew 28:19

2020— A Year to Do More than Tick Over Nicely

The very last command Jesus gave his followers was “Go into the whole world and make disciples.”

Even though it was his last command he did not regard it as the greatest. He had a more important one yet. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. And your neighbour as yourself. “

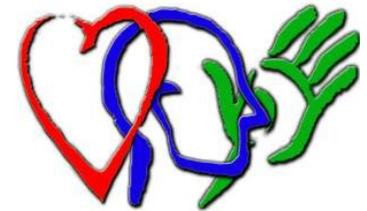
We want to put those two commands together in Lent 2020, and do our best to obey them.

Personal discipleship has been broken down in a special course called “Making Disciples” into three different areas: Heads– Hearts– Hands.

The course starts with a *Discipleship Shape Tool* which will help you identify your own unique shape.

As disciples of Christ we are called to

- Use our **minds** to grow in knowledge of Him
- Be full of passion and love for Him in our **hearts**.
- Use our **hands** to be active in serving Him



But it is possible to be overdeveloped in one area and underdeveloped in another.

We can end up with big heads and big hearts, but very small hands.

Or big hearts attached to small heads and hands. You get the picture.

It is unlikely that you will be perfectly balanced in all three areas. If so, the Archbishop of Canterbury is retiring soon, so there is a vacancy for you. It is much more likely that there will be stronger and weaker areas in your life, and this course gives you an opportunity to change. Jesus wants to transform every area of your life.

We will be running this course through a series of sermons as well as through small groups. We would love everyone to be part of that. Some groups will meet in homes and some will meet in church. Right now we are actively recruiting leaders.

This is a new decade in which we want to pursue our vision of being a thriving church with a growing membership. That is pretty much the opposite of being a church which just ticks over nicely.

We want to be a church which enables people to flourish as they follow Jesus.