



# Teaching & Training Strategy

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

This new **Official Guide 2 - Teaching & Training Strategy Update 2203** **REPLACES** the previous Official Guides:

- Official Guide 2 - AoCS Teaching & Training Strategy
- Official Guide 3 - AoCS Study Group Roles & Discussion Groups
- Official Guide 6 - Country Leaders Seminars
- Official Guide 6A - Academy Live Seminars
- & any other previously issued guides on this Mission's teaching and training strategy

It is set in an alphabetical **topical index format** that makes it easier to read and understand.

It has **Updated information** that are not in the previous guides.

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## Purpose of this Guide

To explain the Teaching & Training Strategy of The Joshua Mission to

1. the **Country Leaders** of the Mission network for their personal use and for teaching & training the members of the network in their country
2. the **Members** of the Mission for their personal use
3. any church or Christian organisation or Christian who finds the resources helpful for their own growth, walk, ministry, and witness in Christ
4. anyone interested to learn more of Christ and the Christian faith

## Academy “Live” Seminars

This is a **Once-in-Two Month Seminar on ZOOM** that is for All Countries of the Mission - but it is Not confined to members only but open for all who are interested to attend

It is publicised by email to the Country Leaders for announcing it to all members and to invite all who are interested to attend & put on the Mission website [www.thejoshuamission.net](http://www.thejoshuamission.net) for registration

Country Leaders and Members are encouraged to organise groups to attend together and to forward the ZOOM links to invite others who are interested to attend on ZOOM

Each Seminar is **RECORDED on Video & available on [www.thejoshuamission.net/glibrary](http://www.thejoshuamission.net/glibrary)** for watching and download after each “live” broadcast

## Academy of Christian Studies

The **Academy of Christian Studies** is the teaching and training ministry of this Mission. It consists of the

- ◆ **School of Bible Study** - to teach all 66 books of the Bible as a lifelong discipline for every Christian, especially those in leadership, and in the ministry of God's Word; and how to study and teach the Bible as the Word of God today - see [School of Bible Study pg 4](#)
- ◆ **School of Biblical Discipleship** - to teach & train all Christians and Christian leaders to be disciples of Christ, to be His children and servants to be like Him, walk with Him, to know His call for one's life, and to serve Him in fulfilling it - see [School of Biblical Discipleship pg 4-5](#)
- ◆ a Once-in-Two Month **Academy “Live” Seminar** that all countries of the Mission's international network and every interest Christian leader or Christian may register to join - see [Academy “Live” Seminar pg 1](#)

## Philosophy of the Academy of Christian Studies

The **Academy of Christian Studies** - through the **School of Bible Study**, the **School of Biblical Discipleship**, and the **Academy “Live” Seminars** - offers Bible & biblical discipleship study & training. This is the *Biblical Path for Christian discipleship & leadership for growth in Christ by the enabling of the Holy Spirit based on the Bible as Scripture*.

Thus it is deliberately Not Linked to academic, professional or vocational certification, Christian or secular. The ONLY REQUIREMENT is to know the Language of Instruction.

### **For those with Academic, Professional & Vocational Qualifications**

This Biblical Path enables you to use whatever academic, professional, or vocational, qualification you have to serve Christ as Lord by the Spirit's enabling. No academic, professional, or vocational, qualification serves this purpose. What you learn and apply from this Academy is for your *personal spiritual and ministerial growth in Christ by the Spirit*.

### **For those with Little or No Other Qualifications**

This Academy serves as your Christ-centred path of education! By not requiring any pre-requisite other than understanding the language of instruction, you are able to enroll and be educated as a Christian disciple or leader even if you do not have formal education.

Many Christians who are already doing ministry and serving in leadership are in this situation. Hence this Academy serves as a path for your growth in life and ministry as a Christian. Furthermore, what you learn here will help you to acquire other types of qualification.

### ***Unlimited Opportunity to Re-Study Courses***

This way of education has NO Penalty for re-studying any course. We Encourage it! For Bible study and biblical discipleship are lifelong processes of Christian growth. No truth of the Bible, no principle of discipleship, can be studied just once. They are to be cultivated, reinforced and practiced for life. What is forgotten needs to be reinstated. It is not a paper chase. It is a path of growth in Christ as a person and in ministry & witness.

## **Certificates - What Certificates does the Mission offer for its courses?**

The Academy of Christian Studies with its two Schools -

- the School of Bible Study - see [School of Bible Study pg 4](#)
- the School of Biblical Discipleship - see [School of Biblical Discipleship pg 4-5](#)

### **INTERNATIONAL Level**

Each School awards Certificates for those who take EXAMINATION for the courses developed by the Founder & International President offered at the **INTERNATIONAL** Level

- for the certificates of the School of Bible Study see [pg 4](#) ;

- for the certificates of the School of Biblical Discipleship see [pg 4-5](#)

### **Country Level**

However Country Leaders in each country where there is a Mission membership network may offer courses they teach based on those developed by Founder & International President or their own courses.

The Country Leaders may offer certificates at the Country Level for these courses. The criteria for the awarding of these certificates are based on the Country Leaders' definition.

## **Country Teaching & Training - How each Country teach & train its Members**

The **Country Leaders** and **Members** of the Mission in each country are encouraged to make full use of all the teaching & training resources that are made available by the Founder & International President in various ways - see [Mission Teaching & Training for All members pg 3](#)

- by the *Mission website* - see [Mission Website Resources pg 3](#)
- by *Academy "Live" Seminars* - see [Academy "Live" Seminars pg 1](#)
- by attending *Local Groups* - see [Local Groups pg 3](#)
- by attending *Study Groups* - see [Study Groups pg 5-6](#)
- by attending *Teaching Events* - see [Teaching Events pg 6](#)

### **Discussion - How to conduct a Discussion?**

A DISCUSSION is a good way to supplement what is taught by a speaker or by playing back a video seminar or an audio session - with translation as relevant

You need

1. a **Discussion Leader**
2. to organise the group either to discuss together or break into smaller groups; if you break into smaller groups, each small group needs a Discussion Leader
3. the Discussion Leader should
  - ask questions to lead the group to look into the topics covered by the teachings
  - get group members to share their questions or views to the group for discussing
  - summarise the points of the discussion
  - help the group to understand the topic

If anything is unclear ask a more mature or senior leader to help; maybe the Country Leader; the Country Leader may also ask the International President by email if it helps and pass the answer back to the group after receiving his reply

You can do this in

- a Local Group meeting - see [Local Groups pg 3](#)
- a Study Group - see [Study Group pg 5-6](#)
- a Teaching Event - see [Teaching Event pg 6](#)

### **Local Groups of this Mission - How to use the teaching resources of the Mission?**

ALL the teaching resources provided by the International President through the Mission website - see [Mission Website Resources pg 3](#) - or in other ways provided by the International President - can be used by Local Groups whenever they meet to study, preach, or teach.

Use a **translator** as needed to teach these in your chosen language.

A **Local Group** is a registered (permanent) group of members in a locality that meets regularly at least once a month for the study of the Word, prayer, and fellowship

- see [Official Guide 1 Update 2202 - Global Networking](#) on Local Groups for more details

### **Members - How do they receive teaching & training from this Mission?**

All Members of the Mission in each country would receive teaching and training at

- the **Local Group Level** by being a member of a Local Group in one's area, or attend as a guest by invitation or permission of the Local Group
- the **Zone Level** - if your Local Group is in a Zone with a Zone Leader who organise **Study Groups** or **Teaching Events** for the Local Groups and members in the Zone
- the **Country Level** - if your Country Leadership organise **Study Groups** or **Teaching Events** for the Local Groups and Members in the country
  - see [Study Groups pg 5-6](#) ; see [Teaching Events pg 6](#)
- the **International Level** - by attending the **Academy "Live" Seminars** that are taught by the Founder & International President; and by using the **Mission Website Resources** that he has made available for the Mission internationally
  - see [Academy "Live" Seminars pg 1](#); see [Mission Website Resources pg 3](#), the next entry
  - see [Official Guide 1 Update 2202 - Global Networking](#) for networking at Local, Zone, Country, & International Levels

### **Mission Teaching & Training for All members Worldwide**

The **Founder & International President** develops the teaching and training resources for the up-building of all its leaders and members, and for their use to minister to each other and to the wider Church of Christ according to His call for this Mission and for each one in Christ

These teaching & training resources are

- taught through the courses of the **Academy of Christian Studies**
  - which consists of the **School of Bible Study** - see [School of Bible Study pg 4](#) - and
  - the **School of Biblical Discipleship** - see [School of Biblical Discipleship pg 4-5](#) - and
  - the once-in-two months **Academy "Live" Seminars** - see [Academy "Live" Seminars pg 1](#)
  - these courses & seminars are posted on the Mission website for registration - see [www.thejoshuamission.net](http://www.thejoshuamission.net)
- uploaded and available for **online** use or **download** from **the Mission website** - see [Mission Website Resources pg 3](#) just after this entry

### **Mission Website Resources - teaching and training resources available**

The Mission website - [www.thejoshuamission.net](http://www.thejoshuamission.net) - holds many online resources that can be used online or downloaded for use

[www.thejoshuamission.net/messages/](http://www.thejoshuamission.net/messages/) holds many messages in audio, text, and video

[www.thejoshuamission.net/glibrary/](http://www.thejoshuamission.net/glibrary/) holds many more articles, texts, and videos, including all the videos of completed **Academy "Live" Seminars**

[www.thejoshuamission.net/biblelibrary/](http://www.thejoshuamission.net/biblelibrary/) holds the links to books of the Bible to *listen or buy one audio*; or to *buy a whole course* where all the audio and text outlines can be downloaded through an email link sent to you when you buy it

You can also go directly to the **Bible Course Store** at <https://thejoshuamission.sellfy.store> to buy books of the Bible in audio with text outline course by course for study or teaching

*Note: Use the Mission Fund I send to each country to buy these so that it is **FREE** for your use*

## School of Bible Study

The School of Bible Study is a part of the Academy of Christian Studies

- for the **Philosophy** of this School - see Academy of Christian Studies pg 1

### Aim

The Aim of this School is to offer and encourage the study of ***ALL the books of the Bible as a Lifelong Spiritual Discipline*** for every Christian, especially those in leadership

### Types of Courses

The Types of Courses offered are Courses in Book by Book Study of All 66 Books of the Bible in audio lectures with a text outline and notes for each book and course.

- see the separate Guide for the School of Bible Study for further details of all the courses it offers

There are **Two SKILL Courses** -

(1) *How to Study the Bible Well* (2) *How to Teach the Bible*

### Types of Certificates

The follow procedures applies to those who study and take Examination for the courses developed and conducted by the Founder & International President that are offered **INTERNATIONALLY**

#### For Books of the Bible Courses

This School offers an **EXAMINATION** for Each Book of the Bible Course -

- this is Optional but Encouraged
- doing the Examination is
  - an **OBJECTIVE** Way to test how well one has truly grasped the subject matter
  - helps with Both better understanding and Better application of the Bible

Certificates are awarded only for those who take the Examination - each Examination uses *Different Types of Multiple Choice Questions*

**Part 1** tests how well you Know the Facts and is 60% of Total Marks

**Part 2** tests how well you Understand the Concepts and is 40% of Total Marks

Based on Marks scored out of 100 -

- **Certificate of Attendance** - below 50% of Total
- **Certificate of Study** - 50% and above of Total
- **Academy Certificate** - at least 70% for EACH of Part 1 and Part 2

#### For the Two Skill Courses

A **Certificate of Completion** is awarded for *How to Study the Bible Well* & *How to Teach the Bible* **IF** the candidate demonstrates that he or she is able to rightly practice the principles and methods taught during the course.

If not, no certificates is issued. But the course can always be re-taken to complete it or as a refresher to reinforce the skills.

## School of Biblical Discipleship

The School of Biblical Discipleship is a part of the Academy of Christian Studies

- for the **Philosophy** of this School - see Academy of Christian Studies pg 1

### Aim

The Aim of this School is to teach and train all who attend in ***biblical discipleship & spiritual leadership for a Christ-centred and Spirit-filled life*** to serve Christ & be His true witness

## Types of Courses

The courses of this School are spread over 3 Levels:

**Foundation Level** - to nurture one to be a Disciple of Christ covering all the essential areas of biblical discipleship

**Ministry Level** - this is built on one who is already living and practising what is covered at the *Foundation Level*; it focuses on **Equipping for Ministry** as a Christian in this world, whether at home, or at work, or in society; how to be salt & light for Christ by the Spirit

**Leadership Level** - this is built on one who is already living and practising what is covered at the Foundation Level and the Ministry Level; it focuses on **the Biblical Principles of Spiritual Leadership** - the beliefs, values, and disciples that any Christian who serves in leadership, whether in the Church or in the world, NEEDS to live by

Each Level of Training **includes Selected Books of the Bible** from the School of Bible Study to ensure that those who study this course are Rooted in the Bible & sound Christian theology

- see the separate [Guide for the School of Biblical Discipleship](#) for further details of all the courses it offers

## Types of Certificates

The follow procedures applies to those who study and take Examination for the courses developed and conducted by the Founder & International President that are offered

### **INTERNATIONALLY**

This School offers an **EXAMINATION** for Each Course -

- this is Optional but Encouraged
- doing the Examination is
  - an OBJECTIVE Way to test how well one has truly grasped the subject matter
  - helps with Both better understanding and Better application of the principles

Certificates are awarded only for those who take the Examination - each Examination uses *Multiple Choice Questions*

Every Examination has 50 Questions with 2 Marks each, totally 100 Marks

Questions may be sub-divided into different sections with different number of questions, but the total number of questions is always 50, the total marks is always 100

Based on Marks scored out of 100 -

- **Certificate of Attendance** - below 50% of Total
- **Certificate of Completion** - 50% to 79%
- **Certificate of Merit** - 80% to 89%
- **Certificate of Distinction** - 90% to 99%
- **Certificate of Full Distinction** - 100%

## Strategy for Expanding the Teaching & Training Ministry of this Mission

The **Main Strategy** for Expanding the Teaching & Training Ministry of the Mission is for **Country Leaders** to make full use of all the teaching & training resources made available by the Founder & International President - see [Mission Website Resources pg 3](#); see [Mission Teaching & Training for All member worldwide pg 3](#) - for

- their own personal strengthening and ministry use
- teaching & training the Local Group & Zone leaders with the teaching & training resources of the Mission
  - for their growth and ministry and
  - for them to pass on these teaching & training to their own Local Groups and Zones
- organising Study Groups and Teaching Events to teach and train all interested members and invited guests for their growth and ministry in Christ
- teaching and training up NEW Local Group & Zone leaders by using Study Groups and Teaching Events for them to
  - start & lead New Local Groups and New Zones and

- start & lead Study Groups or Teaching Events to pass on what they learn to others

This is **How** we can **Expand** the number of **Local Groups** & the number of **Study Groups** led by the Country, Zone, and Local Group, Leaders; and Group and Ministry Members who are able to form and lead such groups

**All members**, not just the Country Leaders, may use the Mission resources for your own preaching, teaching, and training, ministry in your own churches and organisation and use it wherever you go to do the ministry of the Word

## Study Groups - How to form and use them

### What is a Study Group?

A Study Group is a group that is set up by any leader or member of the Mission in any country to teach or study **what is provided by International President** for the Mission to use - it may be a Course, a Seminar, a Book, an Article, or a Message that are available on the **Mission website** - see [Mission Website Resources pg 3](#) - or in other ways provided by him

This is usually initiated and led by the Country Leader or the Country Leadership Team, but any Local Group Leader, Zone Leader, Group or Ministry Member, may do so

These teaching resources are in English. But the Study Group may find its own **Translators** to teach the material in any language it wants to.

If translators are used, it is **Strongly Recommended** that the translation be **RECORDED** in audio or video so that it can be used for the future for that language.

### Who is it for?

**Anyone interested** to study the topic **whether member or not** are welcomed to join

### How Does it Work?

It is up to leader or organiser of the Study Group to plan how it runs -

- it may be small, such as 3 to 6 persons
- it may be big, with hundred of participants
- it may run for half a day, one day, or a number of hours per day for x number of days, or it may be weekly on a certain day and time for a number of weeks; all these are possible
- whether to provide simple drinks and snacks, or to have meals, or to do without these, is up to the organiser

The **MAIN Strategy** of Study Groups is to **form Small Groups** - from 3 to 12 people as a general guide - for any Christian leaders or disciples who want to study the topic. It is Aimed especially at people who are near to where it is conducted (unless it is conducted on ZOOM or a similar web platforms)

- if the people come from nearby for a few hours a day to attend the Study Group no meal or food is needed and so the **cost** of the event will be **very low or zero so that those who attend can cover the cost themselves**
- in this way there can be hundreds of Study Groups everywhere where there are Local Group Leaders or Group or Ministry Members who prepared to conduct them

**Note:** Doing events with High Cost SERIOUSLY RESTRICTS the ministry of God's Word because it makes us **DEPENDENT** on money or else we cannot serve Him!

**ONLY** If our Lord supplies the Mission leader or organiser with the funds by His grace **THEN** you may have Larger Groups where you provide lodging, food, transport subsidy

## Teaching Events - How to use these do teaching & training in a Country

### What is a Teaching Event?

A Teach Event is the **SAME** as a Study Group [[see Study Group pg 6 above](#)] - **EXCEPT** that

- the topic being taught is NOT what is provided by the International President
- it is **organised ONLY** by the **Country Leadership** to ensure that what is taught agrees with Scripture and the doctrinal statement of the Mission.

## Videos of the Academy “Live” Seminars - How to use these for teaching?

All the Academy “Live” Seminars are RECORDED on Video and uploaded to YouTube - you can get these video from [www.thejoshuamission.net/glibrary](http://www.thejoshuamission.net/glibrary)

### Country Leaders & Group & Ministry Members

can download the video from [www.thejoshuamission.net/glibrary](http://www.thejoshuamission.net/glibrary)

- use it for self-study and review
- use it for Teaching - appoint a translator as relevant

**RECOMMENDATION:** RECORD the Translation for future teaching to all who study in that language.

You can use it to Teach

- **Local Groups** - see [Local Groups pg 3](#)
- **Study Groups** - see [Study Groups pg 5-6](#)
- You can play a part at a time and translate part by part
- You can conduct a **DISCUSSION** - see [Discussion pg 3](#) - for each part, or for the whole