

The God Who Is There

a discipleship course for small groups

The God Who is There is a three-part discipleship series by Roger Morgan. It takes its inspiration from *Rooted in Jesus*, our highly successful practical discipleship course for Africa, and is a response to the increasingly voiced need for simple, interactive and relational discipleship material for use in this country. Like the original, it is based on the conviction that discipleship is not so much about what we know as about who we are becoming. This means that *The God Who Is There* is not a conventional Bible study course; it is designed to help people get to know God rather than just learn about him, so that they may grow together into an outward looking and purposeful community.

Book 1 : *Beyond Ourselves* – a course which explores the wider meaning of our lives

Based on informal discussion and shared activities, and accessible to those with no church background, *Beyond Ourselves* enables ordinary people, Christian and not yet Christian, to discover together what it means to develop a living relationship with God. Topics covered include creation, suffering, life after death, the life and resurrection of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Book 2 : *The New Community* – a course which helps us to find God when we meet together

The New Community is modelled on the discipleship patterns of the New Testament, and enables participants to discover what it means to be part of a group of people who are seeking God in and through their relationships with one another. The course includes worship, facilitated through a specially commissioned CD by Phil Lawson Johnston.

Book 3 : *Shining Like Stars* – a course which helps Christians understand how God intends us to live in this world

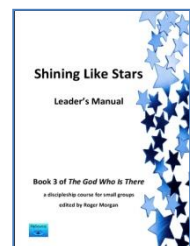
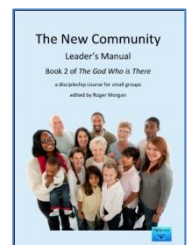
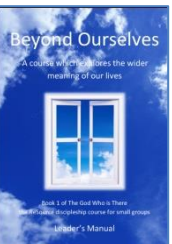
Shining Like Stars focusses on what it means to live as effective Christian disciples in the midst of the challenges of daily life, and its aim is to equip people to live with compassion and integrity as Christians in the community and in the workplace. The course includes worship, facilitated through the course CD.

How does it work?

- Each book offers 10 enjoyable, accessible and life-changing sessions
- Interactive; sessions are based on group discussion and practical exercises
- Not dependent on the personal charisma of a leader
- Focussed on key verses of scripture
- Includes prayer and, in books 2 and 3, worship
- Includes a course member's booklet with creative homework exercises

The authors

The God Who Is There is edited by Canon Roger Morgan, working with Anita Benson, Alison Morgan and a small team of experienced practitioners. Roger has 25 years' experience in parish ministry, and has seen many people grow in faith and discipleship through membership of small groups.



What do people say about the series?

- "I am using *The God Who is There* material as a discipleship project. I want to provide a way for people to explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus which is thorough, interesting and which does not 'soft sell' the demands of discipleship. I consider this material to be the discipleship course I have always wanted. It combines Bible-based teaching and openness to the Holy Spirit with a creative approach to learning. I warmly commend this excellent material." – Revd Colin Cooper, St. Lawrence, North Wingfield
- "I was a bit unsure if the course was a bit basic or too close to Alpha. How wrong I was! All enjoyed it and found themselves quite inspired and re-energised. The course manuals are very helpful, and the leader's manual is easy to follow. As a leader, the manual helped me direct our time together and helped in making the evening a time of fun where everyone felt they were included" – Revd Allan Marshall, St Michael's, Edgemoor

Getting started

The books may be used consecutively or independently. Training and support is available to churches and group leaders through The Mathetes Trust – please [contact us](#) to find out more. To preview or to order please visit www.mathetestrust.org.