

# NATIONAL BIBLE CURRICULUM

Matthew 5:13-16



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- The National Curriculum is a set of Bible studies designed to encourage you in your *relationship with the Lord, and your service to the Lord*, through the many **challenges** and the many **opportunities** that your training, and future profession, will present you.
- Studies have been written to facilitate specific application of Scripture to the health care setting.
- At present there are 15 modules, each containing 2-10 studies per module.



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## Situational Reasons

- Health Care students and practitioners have unique opportunities to promote and proclaim the Gospel (The Momentous news of Jesus Christ).
- Health Care students and practitioners have an observed, significant danger of drifting from being a committed follower of Jesus to nominalism.

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- Health Care students and practitioners are commonly time poor.
- There is an absence of formalised Christian groups and trained Christian workers (such as on uni campus) among health care students during periods of clinical placement that are often prolonged.



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- The willingness and ability of medical and dental students studying their professional degree as a second degree to attend forums of biblical input run by campus groups is less than undergraduate entry students.

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- There is significant scope for healthcare students to be challenged to apply God's Word to their specific context as health care students more frequently and with more vigour. In Australia many of us are blessed to receive excellent expository preaching – in which the meaning of the text is well explained. However time during a weekly sermon rarely permits a preacher to delve into specific application of a text to a particular work situation.

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## Theological Reasons

- The call/directive to followers of Jesus Christ to:
  - live out one's identity as one of God's elect as people who declare His praise (*1 Peter 2:9-12*);
  - glorify God in all they do, including in their work (*Colossians 3:17,23-25; Matthew 5:13-16, 1 Corinthians 10:29-31; 11*);
  - give their life as a living sacrifice for the glory of God (*Rom 12:1-2*).

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- The reality of the Lordship of Jesus Christ – over everything – including one's work and study (Colossians 1:15-20)
- That work is a good gift of God to people (Genesis 1 and 2)



Who wrote the studies?

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## **Contributors Characteristics**

- Christian character
- A love to see people know Jesus for who the Bible reveals Him to be
- Theological training and understanding
- Experience as healthcare professionals



What topics do the studies cover?



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- Module A  
Why meet as Christians in Healthcare?
- Module B  
Questions of Faith and Practice
- Module C  
Back to Basics – Being ‘re-amazed’ by Jesus

# What topics do the studies cover?

- Module D

Back to Basics – Just For Starters by Matthias Media

- Module E

Prayer as a very busy student in a very busy world

- Module F

Living the Psalms as a healthcare student

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- Module G  
What does God have to say about doing exams?
- Module H  
Being Distinctive – A cornerstone of being missional as an Australian healthcare student
- Module I  
Giving answers worth hearing: Defending the Christian faith as a healthcare student

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- Module J  
Using Financial Gain from Healthcare for the Glory of God
- Module K  
Dealing with Suffering; The Hostile World of 1 Peter
- Module L  
Is it worth going to work?

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- Module M  
Beyond Graduation
- Module N  
Studies For Christmas and Easter

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How can the studies be used?

# How can the studies be used?

- Each study is presented in **two different formats**.
- The first format is the more **comprehensive/complete study**, designed to be completed within a bible study group over 1 hour- which is very common for campus groups.
- Alternatively, this format could also be used for one's own personal Bible reading.

# How can the studies be used?

- The second format is labelled as '**Bible Bites**'.
- Each comprehensive study has its corresponding “Bible Bite” which is designed to be completed over 20 minutes (either by an individual or within a group) during a lunch break, bus trip or train journey.
- Importantly, there are less questions within the Bible Bites studies compared with the complete study format.



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- Thus for each Bible study there is a:

Comprehensive/complete study (Format 1); and

An accompanying Bible Bite study (Format 2).

# How can the studies be used?

- Each study (irrespective of format) has three sections:

*Thinking about life as a health care student*

*What does God have to say?*

*Putting it into practice*



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- CMDFA website
- An email will be sent to all IMPACT attendees and all CMDFA members once the studies are available.

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<sup>13</sup> “YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH. BUT IF THE SALT LOSES ITS SALTINESS, HOW CAN IT BE MADE SALTY AGAIN? IT IS NO LONGER GOOD FOR ANYTHING, EXCEPT TO BE THROWN OUT AND TRAMPLED BY MEN.<sup>14</sup> “YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A CITY ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN. <sup>15</sup> NEITHER DO PEOPLE LIGHT A LAMP AND PUT IT UNDER A BOWL. INSTEAD THEY PUT IT ON ITS STAND, AND IT GIVES LIGHT TO EVERYONE IN THE HOUSE. <sup>16</sup> IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND PRAISE YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.”

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