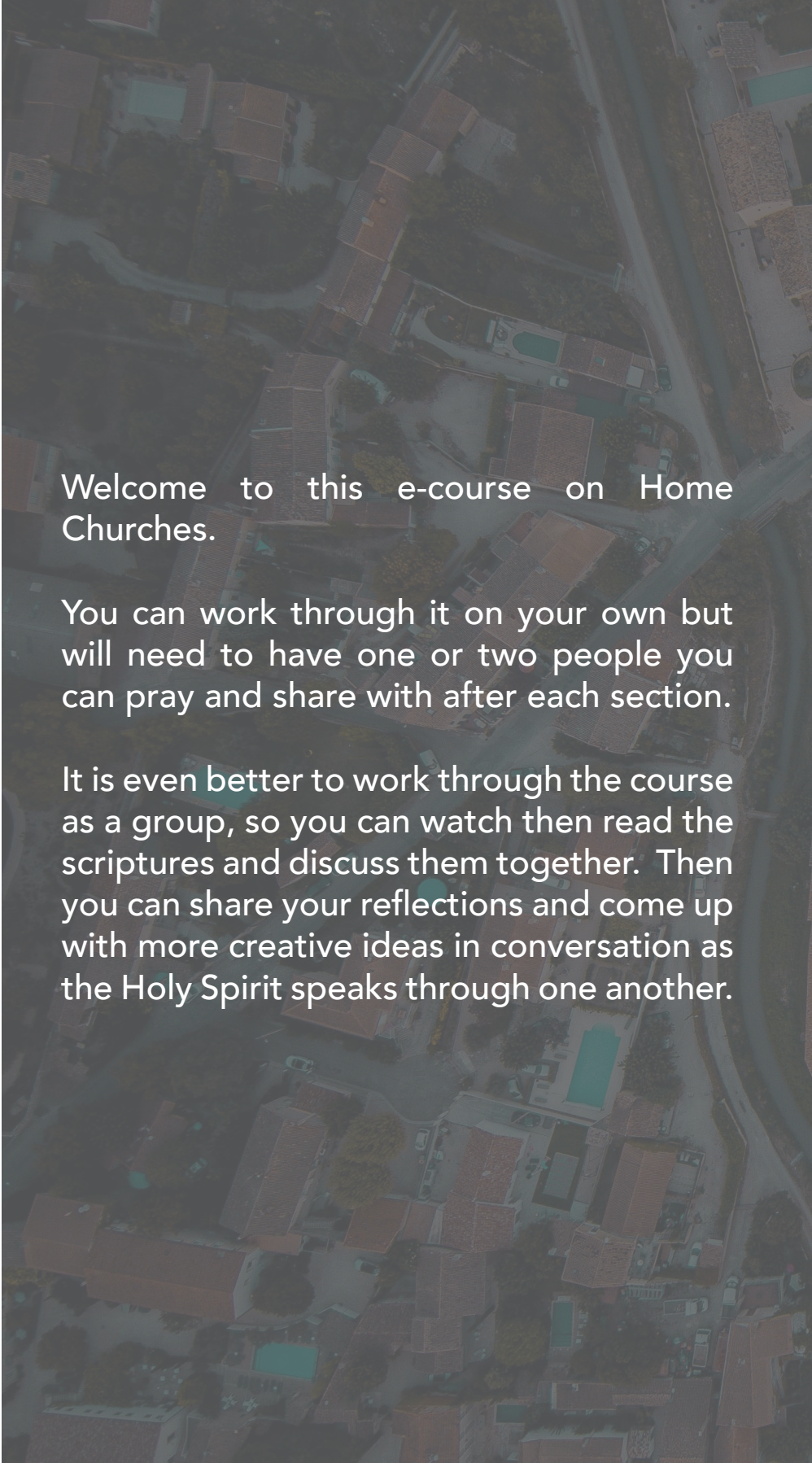


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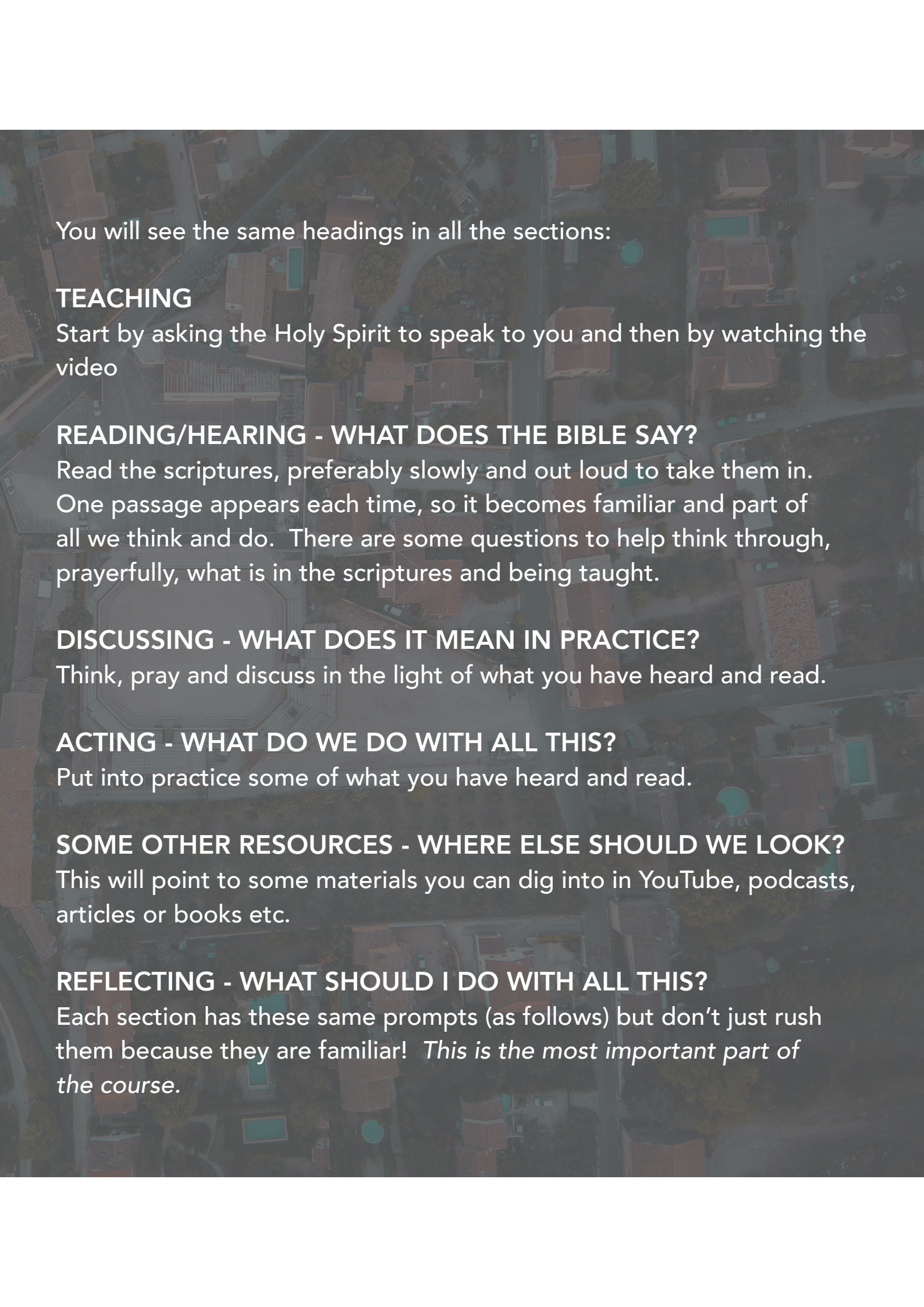
INTRODUCTION



Welcome to this e-course on Home Churches.

You can work through it on your own but will need to have one or two people you can pray and share with after each section.

It is even better to work through the course as a group, so you can watch then read the scriptures and discuss them together. Then you can share your reflections and come up with more creative ideas in conversation as the Holy Spirit speaks through one another.



You will see the same headings in all the sections:

TEACHING

Start by asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you and then by watching the video

READING/HEARING - WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Read the scriptures, preferably slowly and out loud to take them in. One passage appears each time, so it becomes familiar and part of all we think and do. There are some questions to help think through, prayerfully, what is in the scriptures and being taught.

DISCUSSING - WHAT DOES IT MEAN IN PRACTICE?

Think, pray and discuss in the light of what you have heard and read.

ACTING - WHAT DO WE DO WITH ALL THIS?

Put into practice some of what you have heard and read.

SOME OTHER RESOURCES - WHERE ELSE SHOULD WE LOOK?

This will point to some materials you can dig into in YouTube, podcasts, articles or books etc.

REFLECTING - WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH ALL THIS?

Each section has these same prompts (as follows) but don't just rush them because they are familiar! *This is the most important part of the course.*

HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM THIS COURSE



- Always begin each session with prayer asking the Holy Spirit to help you to understand and apply what you are about to learn
- Each section stands on its own but it is best to work through in order.
- Have a notebook or journal - either electronic or a paper copy - to note your reflections
- Take your time - don't rush
- Feel free to pause at anytime and pray
- Finish the time for learning in prayer
- Take time to learn the memory scripture and repeat it during the day and the coming week - it is both a resource for the future and a way of meditating prayerfully on the scripture

SCRIPTURE



It is helpful to read a passage out loud in different translations and paraphrases - that is another reason for going through this course works with a small group.

A photograph of three people sitting together in a casual setting. A woman with blonde hair is on the left, smiling. A man with a beard is in the center, looking towards the right. A woman with dark hair is on the right, also smiling. They are all holding mugs. The image has a dark, semi-transparent overlay with white text.

SESSION ONE

WHY HOME CHURCH?

TEACHING - WHERE DO WE START?

Please watch video 1 - Steve Uppal speaks on why we are talking about Home Churches

- How do Home Churches fit in with the bigger narrative of revival coming to the UK, and
- What do we mean by a home Church?

READING/HEARING - WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

1. Why is our commission more than evangelism?
2. What does Jesus say are the key elements of making disciples? How does this compare with what we are currently doing?

Read Acts 2:42-47

1. What is "revival"?
2. What implications are there for us if we are to be ready for revival?

DISCUSSING - WHAT DOES IT MEAN IN PRACTICE?

1. What issues are you facing personally as we move away from "consumer Christianity" to a disciple-making culture.
2. If Sunday meetings are not the main focus for expressing our faith, what really matters and should be our priority?
3. Family, growing in maturity and caring - do these have to be in a home? Where can you see this all happening in future in your life? Where can you see this happening in the lives of those you are connected with?

ACTING - WHAT DO WE DO WITH ALL THIS?

1. Ps Steve explained that this is a journey and may take some years - you can be part of the journey and contribute to how the vision is worked out.
2. List the sorts of things that might happen in a Home Church gathering.
 - Which are the same as your experience of a Life Group or similar home group?
 - Which are different?
 - Some things need to be done very differently if we are to fulfil the vision for Home Churches - which ones and how?

OTHER RESOURCES - WHERE ELSE SHOULD WE LOOK?

AN MATERIALS

- Home Church - Oct 2020 [The document made available to the church at the in-person gatherings, please ask if you would like a copy]
- Fuel the Fire Online - New Wineskins - 5 March 2021 [<https://youtu.be/NMUldqz5vjU>]
- Preaching series - New Wineskins - [<https://allnations.org.uk/media/series/4xcn7xb/new-wineskins>]

BOOKS

- Letter to the Church - Francis Chan
- Contagious Disciple Making - David L. Watson

REFLECTION

Make a note of what struck you out of the talk and the workbook:

1. What was the most surprising or 'new' thing for you?
2. What was the most important thing you noticed or thought about?
3. What do you need to find out more about, in scripture and in conversation or other research?
4. What do you need to pray or do, to be more ready to lead a Home Church?
5. If you are going through this course on your own, who will you share these reflections with? Ask them to pray for you and to follow up in future how you have taken the actions.