

**RUNNING A BIBLICAL TURNING POINTS COURSE**

<b>Steps to take in planning a Biblical Turning Points course</b>		<b>Lead time recommended</b>
<b>1</b>	Choose a venue, set the dates and sessions times, and decide on your speaker	3 months
<b>2</b>	Set the costs for the course, keeping in mind your overheads, book costs, supper if provided etc	3 months
<b>3</b>	Decide what format you will use for the large visual aid.	3 months
<b>4</b>	Think about your target audience and plan your advertising approach. Biblical Turning Points can supply free flyer and poster designs that your church can use/adapt. Order the brochure and poster files from Biblical Turning Points and print your advertising.	2 months
<b>5</b>	Advertise your course	6 weeks
<b>7</b>	Arrange for production of the large visual aid	1 month
<b>8</b>	Order books with fold out visual aids.	2 weeks
<b>9</b>	Organise refreshments for your sessions, people to take registrations and distribute books, and people to welcome your guests to the course.	2 weeks

**COST OF MATERIALS**

**VISUAL AID:** We have a number of options regarding the visual aid, including purchasing one, available in different sizes and materials, and the potential of hiring one for the duration of your course.

Please contact us at [admin@biblicalturningpoints.com.au](mailto:admin@biblicalturningpoints.com.au) so we can work out your visual aid needs.

**COURSE BOOK:** \$25

**PARTICIPANTS FOLD OUT VISUAL AID:** \$2

**BROCHURE DESIGN:** Free.

**POSTER DESIGN:** Free.

## FAQ's ABOUT RUNNING A BIBLICAL TURNING POINTS COURSE

### ***Do I need to use the large visual aid if I want to run this course at my church?***

The large visual aid is used to help people grasp hold of the one story that is told through the 66 books of the Bible. It allows the presenter to visually show in a matter of moments what would take many hours to verbally explain. While it is not essential to use the large visual aid, it is highly recommended, as it is a distinguishing element of the course. It is also highly recommended that each participant get a copy of the small fold out visual aid for their own personal reference.

### ***What flexibility does a presenter have to add their own knowledge and material to the course?***

You would expect that most people who were delivering an overview of the Bible would include the major events that shape the Bible's story and message. However, it is very possible that one presenter may want to emphasise certain parts of those events in contrast to another.

As the presenter, you are in the best position to know your audience. The course material has been designed with more content than can be covered in each session to give you the flexibility to tailor the course. The presenter must use their own judgement to determine what amount of information to include for each session. Questions from participants will also guide the presenter to tailor the material to suit the knowledge of their participants.

Presenters are welcome to add material to the course where they see fit.

### ***What qualifications do I need to run a course?***

You do not need to have a degree in theology, although it could be an advantage! You do need to have read the Bible in its entirety and have a regular habit of Bible reading and prayer. You do not need to know everything about the Bible; however to achieve the aim of the course you would need to be able to engage with the participants as they ask questions and probe for a deeper understanding of the Bible's message.

It is recommended that all presenters attend at least a couple of sessions of a course prior to running their own. You will also need to read through the entire course book, even if you don't end up using all the material contained within it. You should do the background reading for each session from the Bible and from other resources to equip yourself for the teaching sessions and question times.

### ***How should we advertise the course?***

The first decision is to decide who you want to attend the course. It might be people in your church, your local community, you might want to partner with one or two other churches, or invite other interest groups. There are different ways to advertise the course, including mailing or hand delivering brochures, putting up posters with the details for your course, showing a video to inspire people to attend, advertising in newsletters or local media, and by personal invitation. You will probably want to use a combination of these methods to reach your audience.