

4 Myths About Table Leading

Being asked to give up your precious time to share the Gospel with strangers on a Christianity Explored table can feel daunting. In the first of a new series, we help you make the most of leading a Christianity Explored course.

Someone has suggested your name for your church's Christianity Explored course. However you can't help shrinking into your chair as you think about what volunteering for yet another church activity might involve. To help cut through these nagging doubts, here are four table leading myths shelved.

Myth #1: You need to be experienced in evangelism

People lead on courses for all sorts of reasons. Some are asked, and others choose to lead. Many CE leaders have actually not been involved in much evangelism before table leading, but there is plenty of help available. The person running your course will arrange a training day, weekly meetings and supply resources. They will also try to place table leaders together in the most supportive combination of experience, sex, age etc.

Myth #2: You'll get asked all sorts of questions you can't answer

Course materials help you take participants through Mark's Gospel, but occasionally sessions may feel like a debating society! However there are helpful Bible verses, book references and other resources available to help you deal with issues such as suffering, other religions and the historicity of the Bible e.g. [If You Could Ask God One Question](#) by Barry Cooper and Paul Williams answers ten of the most popular questions raised.

Myth #3: You won't miss out by skipping the leaders training

With a leaders' training weekend or day prior to the course, weekly meetings and the participants' weekend or day away, table leading can seem like a big commitment. More experienced leaders may wonder if they need to repeat training. But as the leader's edition of the study guide explains, you should gain from this schedule whether you are a new or long-serving leader. Training weekends pay dividends from day one of the course:

*"Essential! Excellent for the leaders to bond and have a great relationship to start the course."
"An absolute must for anyone wanting to lead on CE. Relationally excellent for team building."
"Insightful, interactive, lots of depth, practical, fun and good bonding time with others."*

Myth #4: More strain than gain?

Despite the challenges involved, there are many enduring delights in leading a CE table:

*"It strengthened my faith."
"Using the Bible and referring back to it."
"Studying in depth and learning more yourself as a result."
"Seeing people open up during the course – much quicker than I anticipated. I was impressed by their willingness to be open and honest. Then seeing the scales fall – always a joy!"*

One of the most exciting privileges of being a CE leader is watching people week by week gradually explore the Gospel. What could be more amazing than, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, helping people come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour?