



FRUITFULNESS

on the

FRONTLINE

Welcome!



*God works in
surprising ways –
so the cliché goes.*

But when it comes to how God has worked through the simple framework at the heart of this course, it's true. For the last 14 years, since we first came up with the 6Ms of fruitfulness, God has kept on surprising me with the sheer range of ways he works through his people.

Just a couple of weeks ago, for example, I met Steph, who was taking a group of 11–15-year-olds through the original *Fruitfulness on the Frontline* course. One of the boys, Noah, had been charged with tending to Elsa, a family friend's cat. Elsa, as cats do, seemed to have decided that while 'the owner's away, the cat will play'. In this instance, 'play' involved making regular deposits in undesignated areas, far, far away from its litter tray.

But the course had helped Noah realise that he could do this job for Jesus. So, he fed and watered Elsa, and not only resourcefully cleared the 'mines' with the shovel from the hearth set but went the extra mile by disinfecting all affected zones with anti-bacterial spray. Now, a 15-year-old who has figured out that he can clear up cat litter for Jesus isn't going to need anyone to teach him that he can sell clothes, write emails, or run a company for him.

It's not just the range of ways God works through his people that's kept on amazing me. It's the depth of joy and the sense of liberation so many people feel when they realise that God, the King of the universe, the Creator and Redeemer of all things, has been working in and through them! Yes, God (!) had been working through actions they hadn't realised were of deep concern to him, in places they hadn't thought he was interested in, and among people they didn't think they were making any spiritual impression on at all.

Stories abound. You will all, I pray, have many of your own.

Still, the thing that's surprised me most has been the way God has worked through the course in small groups. Pretty soon after it was launched, we began to receive feedback with a level of enthusiasm we just weren't expecting. People were telling us *Fruitfulness on the Frontline* had changed the culture of their group, deepened the relationships, and brought people closer together. It took us a long time to figure out why that might be.

The reality is that this course focuses on areas of your life that you perhaps don't talk about as much in church circles, areas of other people's lives that you don't know so much about. By the end of the course, you'll have a much richer sense of each other's lives beyond the things you do together as church. As a result, you'll probably appreciate each other even more. And that's a joy.

But there may be yet another joy in store. Over the years, we've found that lots of Christians just can't see the ways they themselves are being fruitful – but other people can. Doing this course as a group helps people recognise and celebrate each other's strengths and gifts, and then encourage one another to pursue them.

That too is a joy. And it's a source of wonder at the grace and generosity of the Lord who called us to himself and promises that as we abide in him, we will bear fruit.

So, the reality that we do bear fruit for the King of kings shouldn't be a surprise. Still, the kind of fruit God creates and the way he does it constantly amazes me – often beyond my imagining. It has ever been so.

May it also be so for you and all yours.
To his glory.



Mark Greene

Making the most of this course



Share boldly about your daily life

Research has shown this course is most helpful when it creates a space for group members to **regularly share openly – and pray honestly – about their daily lives**. Making time for this is just as important as discussing the video content!

Spend less time on theory, more on practice

Fruitfulness on the Frontline is all about God working through us in our day-to-day lives. So rather than debating finer theological details, **focus on how the material informs your everyday places and tasks**.

Give plenty of time to the different sections

After you've watched the video, aim to spend roughly the same amount of time on each of the sections that follow: after-video discussion, Bible study, and 'make it real'. There is richness in each!



Pray freely

There's a suggested prayer at the end of each session, but of course, **if group members share things that need addressing, pray for these too**. It may still be helpful to use the suggested prayer to summarise the session and wrap up succinctly.

Use the guide... or not

You may be an experienced group leader who feels more comfortable going off-piste; or you may be new to leading a group discussion. **This guide is not a set of exam questions to work through** – use it to serve the group and enrich the discussion.

What you'll need



This discussion guide

Give everyone in the group a copy so they can follow along.



The session videos

Each session is based on a short film featuring teaching, discussion, and true stories.

Buy access to the videos and the PDF of this guide, as well as optional print copies, at licc.org.uk/fruitfulness



The 6Ms of fruitfulness

*...are what
this course
is all about!*



There are all kinds of ways we can bear fruit, but these six are a great way to see how God is working through us day by day – and to imagine what more he might do.

M1 *Model godly character*

Showing what Jesus is like in our actions and reactions.

2 PETER 1:1–11



M2 *Make good work*

Working at whatever we do, in word or deed, in the name of the Lord Jesus.

COLOSSIANS 3:15–25

M3 *Minister grace and love*

Going the extra mile for others as we serve and bless them.

ROMANS 12:9–21

M4 *Mould culture*

Finding ways to make our frontlines more like Jesus would want them to be.

JEREMIAH 29:4–14

M5 *Mouthpiece for truth and justice*

Telling the truth and speaking up for 'right living' and 'fair dealing' in God's name.

EPHESIANS 4:20–32

M6 *Messenger of the gospel*

Sharing the hope we have in Jesus.

1 PETER 3:13–22

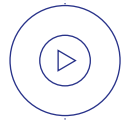
SESSION 1

Fruitfulness and frontlines



Start the conversation

What comes to mind when you hear the word 'fruitfulness'?



Watch session 1



Discuss the video

What struck you from the video?
Go round the room: what is each person's main frontline?



Read the Bible

Read **John 15:1–17** aloud.
How would you summarise what Jesus was saying to the disciples?



Make it real

What gets in the way of seeing and celebrating fruitfulness on your own frontline?
What might need to change for you to see your frontline as a place fruit can grow?



Pray for each other

Spend time in prayer for one another, asking God to help you see the fruit you're bearing on your frontlines in the coming week.



Closing prayer

Lord, thank you for your promise that we will bear fruit when we abide in you. Help us to see our frontlines as you see them, so we can celebrate the good fruit we're already bearing and see the ways in which we might bear even more fruit that lasts. The joy is ours and the glory is yours. Amen.

*If you remain in me
and I in you, you
will bear much fruit*

John 15:5



*SEE HOW ANDY BEARS FRUIT
IN HIS WORKSHOP*

What's a 'frontline'?

A place where you regularly spend time with people who wouldn't call themselves 'Christians': a job, a hobby, a home, a street, a school, or anywhere else. Many people have multiple frontlines – you'll probably find it helpful to focus on one as you go through this course.

What's 'fruit'?

Fruit is outer proof of an inner truth: the words, actions, behaviours, or thoughts that come when we remain in Jesus, the true vine.

More Fruitfulness on the Frontline resources

More from LICC

Resources to connect your faith with everyday life



Read the book

Mark Greene's much-loved book is an uplifting read, uncovering the biblical roots of the 6Ms and telling inspiring stories of how they look in daily life. The perfect way to reflect in depth on the topics from this course.



Follow the devotional journey

Over 14 days, spend time praying through the 6Ms, asking God to reveal how he's working through you and inviting him to grow you in fruitfulness. With video and written reflections.



Growing on the Frontline

Run the sequel to this course! Over eight sessions, learn practices to deepen your spiritual roots and grow more like Jesus on your frontline.

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Everyday Faith Bible

A Bible with over 1,000 prompts, notes, features, and stories to help you connect Scripture with all of life. Explore the Bible's implications for your everyday – and learn to live as a follower of Jesus, right where you are.

licc.org.uk/everydayfaithbible



Listen to the podcast

Hear honest, relaxed interviews with Christians from across the UK about what fruitfulness looks like on their frontlines, from building sites to nurseries, car dealerships to book clubs.



Run the Sunday services

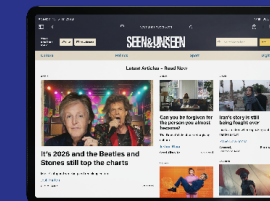
Get ideas for eight services to explore the 6Ms of fruitfulness with your whole church. Featuring videos, prayers, song ideas, and sermon guides. Perfect to run alongside this course.



The Gateway Seven series

Seven Bible studies on seven books of the Bible, each representing a different genre of biblical writing. Deepen your reading of Scripture and open up new applications for your whole life.

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Seen & Unseen

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God's already working
through you.
You just need eyes
to see it.

Everyone has a frontline – an ordinary place where God calls you to live and work with people who don't yet know Jesus. Every day is full of opportunities to join in with his mission there.

Over eight sessions, this course will help you see and celebrate the ways God is already working through you in your everyday life. And it'll inspire you to imagine how he might in future – discovering a whole world of purpose right where you are.

Over 150,000 people have been empowered by *Fruitfulness on the Frontline* since it first launched. This new version will empower you to make a difference with Jesus in today's world.

