

PROPHECY COURSE

Leader's Guide

We're thrilled you're planning to run the Prophecy Course!

This short guide will give you all the information that you need to run the course in your community or small group:

Who is the Prophecy Course for?

The Prophecy Course is for anyone who wants to grow in their understanding of biblical prophecy. We've especially designed the course to be used in a small group setting, but it also works in a whole group context.

What do I need to run the Prophecy Course?

Everything you need to run the Prophecy Course is available at prophecycourse.org. The course consists of 12 different video sessions (and an additional session midway through the course for homework), with accompanying small group guides. To run the Prophecy Course, you'll need:

- **A laptop or television to watch the video content.** The videos are available to download (by request), so they may be viewed offline. Primarily, video lessons are available on YouTube, so they can be watched using a smart television or streamed from the Prophecy Course website.
- **The Prophecy Course small group guides.** These discussion guides can be downloaded from the Prophecy Course website as printable PDFs or viewed from each session's page at prophecycourse.org via phone, tablet or laptop.
- **A comfortable environment for your group.** As a group leader, take some time to think about the best place to host the Prophecy Course. If your group is small, a living room could be great. If your group is larger, think about a room in your church or another local community space. Your goal is to create a comfortable, distraction-free atmosphere where people can learn and share freely.

What does a typical session involve?

Each session of the Prophecy Course follows the same format. Each session is designed to be about one hour long:

- Step 1. Introduce:** Greet the group, briefly recap the last class and introduce the current class. Open with prayer and ask Holy Spirit to guide you through your time together.

Step 2. Watch: Each video is a lesson with Matthew Schoenherr. The videos are between 25-30 minutes long and most are full of scripture. Journals and pens are recommended! Keyword-searchable transcripts for any lesson is included on each session page in case the need for a quick review comes up.

Step 3. Discuss: Each small group study guide contains starter discussion questions for that lesson's video content. Don't worry if you don't get through all of the questions! Your goal as a leader is to facilitate engaging group discussion rather than covering all the questions or giving a mini-presentation yourself. Ensure everyone gets a chance to share. If the students are talking and you don't need to fill the space, you're doing great!

Step 4. Report [Optional]: If you have a larger group and you broke into small groups in Step 3, regroup at the end and ask each small group to report out on their small group discussion. What were their ah-ha's? What did they struggle with? Close in prayer.

Any more tips for group leaders?

Matthew Schoenherr gives four practical tips on running the Prophecy Course in your context:

1. **Study to show yourself approved.** As a session leader, it will help you facilitate the students' experience if you are familiar with the material prior to each session.
2. **Create a safe environment.** Make the space warm, friendly and hospitable.
3. **Provoke questions.** Where possible, encourage group members to ask and answer questions; don't feel like you have to answer them all! We're all growing on this journey and we don't have all the answers!
4. **Be led by the Holy Spirit.** If your session discussion goes in a completely direction, don't worry. Just follow what God's saying and doing!

Remember that you don't have to lead the Prophecy Course each week. You might like to delegate the small group guides to different members of your small group to run, or team up with different members in your church community to lead together.

What additional resources are there?

The Prophecy Course is also supported by a growing library of supplemental lessons under **More**.

Got questions?

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