



**LAIDLAW
THEOLOGY**

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What is theology and what importance does it have for our everyday lives? Have you wanted to ask theological questions—questions about your faith and what we believe? Are you ready to look at why you believe what you believe and work out what this means for practical living? Well this course is for you.

Your church is offering a Laidlaw College course — *Engaging Theology* — Tuesday evenings, beginning on 25th July. Come and join us as we explore this material together and learn about God's work in the world. We're looking forward to being able to reflect and dream together about what this means for our particular community.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to engage theology and apply it to our lives. This course examines God's self-revelation, how we can understand that revelation, and why it is foundational for our faith. It explores the arrangement of this revelation into a set of core beliefs and their application to everyday living, including what it means to worship the Trinity, what it means to be humans, how we account for sin and evil, the nature of the Church, and what the New Creation may be like. We also have loads of space to ask questions and interact. Don't be surprised that a good dose of humour makes its way into the course as well.

LECTURER



Rev Dr Myk Habets has a passion to teach theology—the great doctrines of the Christian faith, founded in Scripture, forged in tradition, applied to culture, and lived out in experience. Myk teaches at Laidlaw College where he is Head of Theology, and loves every minute of it. When not teaching he can be found preaching around Churches, running seminars, and having fun with his family—mostly at one of the many splendid beaches on Auckland's North Shore.

Myk is also an avid sportsman currently playing badminton. One day he hopes to own his own Harley Davidson.

He and his wife Odele are pastors at Albany Baptist Church, and they have two teenage children. Myk's areas of interest revolve around current issues in theology to do with the Trinity, the person and work of Jesus Christ, and the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

Myk has published nearly thirty books and many articles in these areas and is working on a number of major publishing ventures.

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Laidlaw Courses in Local Churches – A Videoconferencing Option



HOW IT WORKS

It is an interactive videoconference, including your church site, Laidlaw Henderson and Christchurch campuses, and other church groups. You gather each Tuesday at church or in homes and engage in a live video-conferenced lecture. You'll also be able to see the other groups in their various locations. You control what you see and what the lecturer hears. Sometimes the lecturer will be talking, sometimes they will get you to discuss things in your local small groups, sometimes they will have a big discussion with all the sites simultaneously. The experience is very close to having the lecturer in the room with you.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Details

An orientation evening will happen on 18 July which is run by your church Laidlaw at Large Administrator. This will be an opportunity for participants to hear what they can expect of the course, and all the practical details about where and when they will meet. Lectures will happen every Tuesday, 6:30-9pm, from the week of 23 June to 14 Nov 2023. There will not be lectures during school holidays. If you are doing the course for credit, you should expect to spend another 7 hours each week reading and doing assignments. If you are doing the course just for interest, then no other commitment is required than your attendance.

Costs

There are two options.

- For credit (includes assignments): \$878.25
- Just for interest: \$500 for a group or \$50 per person up to \$500.

While we recommend the credit option (as you learn best by applying your knowledge), we recognise that not everyone has time to be able to do this. Note that the credit option can also count towards a diploma or bachelor's degree.

NEXT STEPS

Questions

If you have questions, first talk to the relevant people at your church. For anything they cannot answer, feel free to contact Admissions at Laidlaw (freephone 0800 999 777).

Interested?

If you are interested, first give your details to the relevant people at your church. They will then give you instructions about how to sign up at <https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/apply/>.

The final date for applications is 7 July 2023, but if possible, we need to know well before then to properly set up your church as a remote lecture site. The sooner you can enrol the better. You don't need to pay until a few weeks before the course starts.