



UNIT OUTLINE

PC007-612, 712 & 812, Leading the Small Church

Description	<p>Although the vast majority of churches in Australia are “small” (less than 75 people in regular attendance) most of the literature related to church leadership focuses on large churches or at least the process to make them so. The purpose of this unit is to introduce students to the basic distinctives and contexts of small churches and to provide them with the tools to lead them effectively.</p> <p>The unit aims to provide students with the theological, sociological and strategic tools to effectively lead small churches. This will be achieved through the provision of learning content, the facilitation of students gaining their own resources and thoughtful application to their specific context.</p>	
Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Theology of the Small Church 2. The Characteristics of the Small Church 3. The Context of the Small Church 4. Strategies for the Small Church 	
Study modes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off campus 	
Assessment*	AQF 6-8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forum Participation 2. Interview with Small Church Leader 3. Research Essay 4. Application Essay
Textbooks	<p>Willis, Steve. 2012. <i>Imagining the Small Church: Celebrating a Simpler Path</i>. Herndon: Alban.</p> <p>Vaters, Karl. 2018. <i>Small Church Essentials: Field-Tested Principles for Leading a Healthy Congregation of Under 250</i>. Chicago: Moody.</p>	

* Assessment items may be subject to change without prior notice