

Utumishi - Washington

My name is Washington Oluoch. I accepted a friend's suggestion to enroll for the Utumishi Course in September 2019. After three months of being an Utumishi student, I have found that I am not only gaining understanding and knowledge about Scripture, but I am also learning how to preach it and apply it in ministry. The first three months of the Utumishi Course have been nothing short of life-changing. I have enjoyed the model of expository preaching from 2 Timothy, the Bible overview sessions, and study of the book of Hebrews.

The most striking thing in this course is group sessions and discussions on the book of Hebrews. It has helped me personally to understand Christ and his work of redemption. I believe this knowledge will help me to preach Christ-centered sermons. Since Christ is the acceptable sacrifice that pleases God, ours must be offered through him. If we are to please God it must be in and through Christ, the perfect sacrifice and the High priest who lives to make intercession for us.

What has probably impacted me the most, though, is getting to apply what I'm learning in my classes to help me be effective in my Ministry. Having the opportunity to preach during the micro-preaching sessions have helped me to learn that context controls meaning and application. I will be careful not to import and impose a meaning to a text since context is key. These sessions have thrust me into searching out the heart of the Lord through a life dedicated to Scripture and prayer. My heart so longs for this.



