Unbound Basic Ministry Training Ecourse
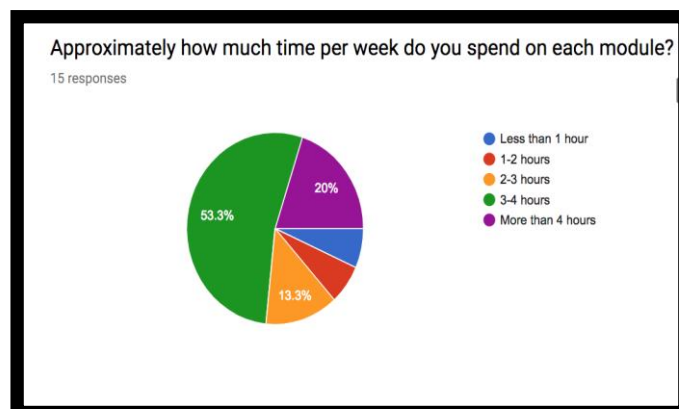
FAQ

1. How is the course structured?

The Ecourse is divided into nine Modules. Each module is designed to be completed in one week. The week begins on Sunday and ends on Saturday. Each module opens on the Friday evening before the week begins. You are welcome to work on each Module's coursework whenever you like, at your own pace. Additionally, once each Module has opened, it remains open and completely accessible to you for a period of two years. You can go back into any activity at any time, re-watch videos, review reflection questions, etc. The best way to get a feel for the type of work included in each Module is to view the Free Sample that is available to you on our <u>Ecourse homepage</u>.

2. I'll be traveling for a period of time during the course. Am I still able to participate?

Sure! Most of the weekly coursework is available "on-demand," so you can log-in and work whenever it is convenient for you. If you will be unavailable for any period of time during the course, please let your partner(s) know ahead of time. Partner activities are self-scheduled between you and your partner, so please communicate with your partner if unable to meet on a given week and schedule the activity for a later date.

3. How much time should I expect to spend on coursework each week?

Most participants report spending approximately 3-4 hours a week on coursework. You can see responses from a recent group of course participants here:

4. I'm taking the course with a friend/spouse. Can he/she be my partner?

Sure! We match folks based on geographic location/time zone and assign partners of the same gender with the exception of married couples who ask to do the partner exercises together Once registered, you will be asked to complete Partner Form where you can indicate partner preferences.

5. Do I need special technical skills to take the course?

This is a great question. People with basic computer and web skills, should have no problem navigating the course successfully. If you are comfortable doing computer tasks such as typing, filling out forms or making purchases online, finding your way around new/unfamiliar websites, utilizing "Help/Troubleshooting" forums to problem-solve, and if you are generally open to learning new things using the Web, you will manage the Ecourse with ease.

Some students who feel less "tech-savvy" do report feeling overwhelmed at first, learning their way around a new platform and becoming familiar with new terms or apps (such as Disqus for class discussions, or Zoom for the Webinars). Generally, students become much more comfortable after the first week or two of the Ecourse. We offer step-by-step directions for most of the course components, and we are available to answer questions throughout the course.

6. I work full-time. Are the Webinars live or recorded? How can I find out their scheduled times?

Yes, the Webinars are live and online – we encourage attendance if at all possible. Your Ecourse instructor will issue a survey to assess availability within the cohort and will schedule Webinar times for maximum participation. Your instructor will notify the cohort of the scheduled Webinar times. For those who cannot attend, the live Webinars are recorded for later viewing.