

AI Foundations for Ministry

A practical half-day workshop from Novetera

More capacity for ministry.

PROPOSED THREE-HOUR TIMELINE

Time	Focus
0:00–0:30	Understand AI in a ministry context. Explore how AI works, common questions and concerns, and biblical principles of wisdom, stewardship, truthfulness, and care for people.
0:30–1:00	Use AI responsibly. Work through ministry scenarios involving personal information, consent for note-taking, sermon preparation, plagiarism, and misrepresentation. Identify where human judgement and review are essential.
1:00–1:45	See practical applications. Watch demonstrations drawn from communications, administration, worship and media planning, meeting notes, and recruitment preparation. Discuss how to compare free and paid tools, costs, and privacy settings.
1:45–2:00	Break & Informal Discussion
2:00–2:45	Learn by doing. Practise with a ministry task such as drafting a volunteer email, developing an event plan, or summarizing sample meeting notes. Learn to provide context, refine your instructions, and review the result.
2:45–3:00	Q&A and determine your next step. Bring your questions, identify one appropriate task to try, and name any decisions that need your church's leadership input.

Give your team a clear, practical starting point for using AI. This three-hour workshop helps pastors, staff, and ministry leaders understand the tools, try useful applications, and exercise sound judgement about where AI belongs in their work.

Through accessible teaching, live demonstrations, and guided practice, you'll explore how AI can support everyday ministry while keeping your mission, relationships, and people's trust at the centre. No previous AI experience is required.

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

- A plain-language understanding of what AI can do and where it falls short.
- Practical experience writing clear instructions, improving results, and checking accuracy.
- Greater confidence navigating privacy, authorship, and responsible use.
- One useful application to try in your role, with a clear next step.

COME READY TO PARTICIPATE

Bring a laptop and access to an AI account. Account setup guidance will be provided before the workshop. Practice activities will use public or fictional information to protect confidential ministry details.

BUILD A SHARED FOUNDATION

Your team will leave with common language, practical experience, and a clearer sense of how to use AI with confidence and care. Church-specific strategy and policy development can follow in a separate session.

"I came in already convinced there was something in AI that we needed. What I didn't have was the how. Chris and Aidan gave us that in one afternoon. The clearest proof it landed: a handful of my team walked in unsure about AI, even a bit resistant, and walked out actually using Claude on real work, genuinely thrilled with what it opened up for them. Watching people move from hesitant to hooked in a single session is the best evidence I can offer. Any lead or executive pastor wondering if this is worth the time with their team — it is!"

Malcolm Billing, Executive Pastor, The Well

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