

Your Post-Course Conversation

Conversation Partner edition

THE BIG PICTURE

The aim of this conversation is to determine the Participant's degree of engagement with the SFC Short Course they have completed, in order to gain credit towards the Anglican Theology and Practice Certificate.

These three criteria cover the basics.

During our Post-Course Meeting, the Participant

showed willingness to discuss ideas arising from the SFC Short Course. YES / NO

demonstrated understanding of the topics covered in this SFC Short Course. YES / NO

demonstrated interaction with material throughout the duration of the course. YES / NO

MAKING A DECISION

The ATP certificate aims to encourage Participants to consistently engage with challenging ideas about faith, and these conversations help to enable some accountability over the four courses they will aim to complete.

Concerning the just-completed course, the answers to the three criteria above help you answer this overall, ultimate question:

Has the participant engaged with the material and expressed their understanding?

The following material can be used to guide you in your conversation.

The Conversation itself

Your conversation could follow a four-step process:

Gather

Make the Participant welcome.

Establish the purpose of the meeting: to check on progress, particularly with the SFC Short course the participant has just completed.

Pray together.

Focus

Revisit the SFC Short Course in question.

- Any “aha” moments?
- What key idea would you like others to understand?

Explore the conversation piece

Conversation pieces are not assessable items. In effect, their purpose is to be conversation starters. They may focus on just one idea or theme, to enable to a conversation about others.

- What key idea/s from the SFC Short Course inspired you to create this?
- Tell me about your understanding of the idea/s.
- What other idea/s or theme/s prompted thoughts for you?
- What other questions do you have about the subject matter?
- How would you like to address those questions? What would be a useful forum to do that?
- What other issues arise from the main ideas expressed in this Short Course? Refer to your journal if you used one.

Plan

Where to next?

- What actions arise from this learning? e.g. further conversation; show the Conversation Piece to others; recommend ideas to others.
- Which Short Course are you looking at next?
- What do you hope you’ll learn from that one?

Your Decision

THE OPTIONS

1. The Participant aced it!

Encourage them to move on to the next SFC Short Course, negotiate the time period, get excited with them, and arrange for any catch-ups to follow.

Or

2. You are concerned the Participant has not engaged significantly with the course

Ask: It seems you found the expectations of this SFC Short Course a little challenging. Did anything particularly prove tricky?

- Time commitment needed
- Content of the videos
- Ideas presented
- Journal writing
- Creating the Conversation Piece
- Other...

Ask: What might make this more accessible for you?

- Joining a group of people who meet weekly... watching the video at home, then meeting to discuss key questions.
- Would a buddy be helpful? One person who will watch each video with you, possibly chatting afterwards?
- Choose one episode to watch again and we can meet to discuss just that. We could take a look at the discussion questions provided with the video.
- Consider using a different format for your Conversation Piece, one that suits you more.
- Consider a longer period to complete the SFC Short Course, if this was the issue.
- Something else?

Once the participant has completed a plan to engage more fully with the material, a second Conversation can take place. The same criteria from page one apply during that chat.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW

- Keep track of the progress of your participant/s, noting the completion of each course.
- Once four SFC Short Courses and an Anglican Experience workshop have been completed, contact the FormEdFaith office at St Francis College

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- Once course completion is authorised by the FormEdFaith office, we'll send you the participant's certificate for counter-signing and awarding.
- You can use the Certificate Awarding liturgy for this purpose if you wish... You can find it at the St Francis College webpages for this ATPc.

As a last resort, there is the possibility that **the ATP certificate will not suit everyone.**

It was worth a try, but there are many other ways to engage with ideas about faith!

The important thing is to keep searching.

- Consider doing the SFC Short Courses without the necessity of Post-Course Conversations and Certificate completion.
- Perhaps the Roscoe Library Staff at St Francis College could help with suggestions of entry level resources about particular ideas? The Roscoe Library is free to join, and the staff are super helpful.
- You may consider joining a small group that meets to discuss ideas about faith and life in a different and supportive way that might suit you better.