



***Are you looking to deepen your faith?***

Do you want to know more about the Bible, Christian Tradition, and Church History? Are you hoping to understand how your personal experiences and beliefs bring you closer to God and God's people?

If "yes," Efm (Education for Ministry) may be for you.

Efm is a four-year Christian Formation program (taken one year at a time) founded and administered through the School of Theology of the University of the South at Sewanee. Through study, prayer, worship, and reflection, Efm seminar groups journey together through scripture, church history, and theology.

Our online seminar group is comprised of a mentor and up to twelve participants. The group meets up to 36 times during the course of a year. **Years 1 & 2** study the Hebrew Scriptures, the Gospels, and the New Testament. **Year 3** looks at Church History. **Year 4** studies Christian ethics and systematic theology, developing and enhancing their own practice. **Wide-Angle** is a 1-year "taste" of the traditional four years of the program.

During a weekly seminar, the group builds an intentional faith-seeking small group by doing these things:

- *Worship* - participants lead worship and pray together
- *Reflect theologically (TR)* - using a shared focus, the group examines tradition and culture, paired with experiences and beliefs, concluding with implications for action
- *Study coursework* - participants discuss insights, challenges, and "aha" moments of the assigned readings

Our Efm seminar group meets weekly, from early September on Tuesday from 19:00 to 20:30 CET on Zoom. Currently, there are participants from several parishes in the Convocation with some free places for a few more participants. (Registration begins in mid-July, 2026).

**For more information**, contact: Efm Online Mentor for Europe

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