

Topic	Content	Key Knowledge
Christian moral action*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teaching and example of Dietrich Bonhoeffer on:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ duty to God and duty to the State</li> <li>○ Church as community and source of spiritual discipline</li> <li>○ the cost of discipleship</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bonhoeffer’s teaching on the relationship of Church and State including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ obedience, leadership and doing God’s will</li> <li>○ justification of civil disobedience</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bonhoeffer’s role in the Confessing Church and his own religious community at Finkenwalde</li> <li>• Bonhoeffer’s teaching on ethics as action, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ‘costly grace’</li> <li>○ sacrifice and suffering</li> <li>○ solidarity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to Christian moral action in the life and teaching of Bonhoeffer, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether or not Christians should practise civil disobedience</li> <li>• whether or not it is possible always to know God’s will</li> <li>• whether or not Bonhoeffer puts too much emphasis on suffering</li> <li>• whether or not Bonhoeffer’s theology has relevance today</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Contextual references</b></p> <p><i>For reference, the ideas of Bonhoeffer listed above can be found in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bonhoeffer, D. (1951) <i>Letters and Papers from Prison</i> and (1937) <i>The Cost of Discipleship</i>, Chapter 1</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggested scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority</b></p> <p><i>Learners will be given credit for referring to any <b>appropriate</b> scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority, however the following examples may prove useful</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romans 13:1–7</li> <li>• <i>Barmen Declaration</i> (<a href="http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/barmen.htm">www.sacred-texts.com/chr/barmen.htm</a>)</li> <li>• Luke 10:38–42</li> </ul>		