



FOURSQUARE **MINISTRY TRAINING**

MODULE ONE

Foursquare Ministry Training New Zealand

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Foursquare Gospel Church of New Zealand

The Foursquare Gospel Church exists to glorify God and advance His Kingdom. Jesus Christ's command is to preach the Gospel and make disciples of all nations (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19). Therefore, we are "Dedicated unto the cause of inter-denominational and worldwide evangelism." These words express our spirit and our focus.

School of Ministry Mission:

"Equipping the Saints for the work of the ministry"

Ephesians 4:11-17

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

Purpose:

The Foursquare School of Ministry exists for the sole purpose of providing tools for the equipping of Believers to live as holy, righteous, empowered disciples of Christ, to serve and function in the Body in their particular gifting, and to impact their world for the Kingdom of God. It is our desire to accomplish this purpose through the teaching of sound Biblical doctrine and hands-on, activated discipleship. Finally, it is the purpose of the School of Ministry to see people launched into the area of ministry in the Church that the Lord has individually appointed. Assistance will be given to identify this.

Curriculum and Course of Study:

The curriculum utilized is based by default on the course structure of the Ambassador Series published by Christ's Ambassadors International, in addition to materials from many other sources. John, our present Director of Ministry Training NZ, had already written a fully original Three-Year Training Course for use in Sydney, Australia, before he moved to New Zealand. Shortly after he was asked to help teach a Module in Christchurch City in NZ, and was handed the Ambassador material to use by the then existing Director, who had begun to use it; and who lectured with him. A second Module followed.. and then the existing Director left for another field overseas.. and John was asked to continue, and so to provide continuity, he went and rewrote again a full Course, "in-house" set of materials for teaching within Auckland and Oamaru FGCNZ. He continued with the Ambassador structural outline, and included many of the excellent ideas, which he combined with the Course he wrote in Sydney; and other lifetime-gathered materials and inspirations. We acknowledge our indebtedness to Ambassador for the strong inputs in this amalgam. It is a thirteen module, seventy-two lesson Discipleship and Ministry Training series.

Course Principal:

Rev. John Ballantyne BA, B.Theol, Dip Tchg..our FGCNZ Director for Ministry Training, has been Pastoring since 1977. He started training Students for both Pastoral Ministry and Christian Counselling in 1984. Since then, he has trained and placed a large number of Pastors and Counsellors; and is presently training twelve Pastors and Counsellors in Oamaru in the South Island. He has also directly planted ten Churches both in New Zealand and Australia, and has many grand-daughter churches. He counts it an absolute privilege to be able to assist and empower Leadership within our Church. From time to time, he will be assisted by others with delivering some of the Training.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

**All requirements must be met for completion of the
'Foursquare Ministry Certificate of Attainment'**

1. The cost to each Student for each module is covered by FGCNZ.
2. Completion of all Assignments must be done to a satisfactory standard,

and where the due date lies outside the Training Modules, they are to be emailed or posted to the Administrator's address.

3. Your Local Church Pastor needs to support your Application.

FOURSQUARE **MINISTRY** **TRAINING**

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B. Assignments

- **Six Quizzes**
- **Paper: Expansion of one of the topics covered in the lessons; 400 words.**
- **Ministry Skill One: Leading people to Christ**

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B. Assignments

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- **Paper: Expansion of one of the topics covered in the lessons; 400 words.**
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- **Lesson Three: Topical and Character Studies**
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B. Assignments

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- Paper: Expansion of one of the topics covered in the lessons; 400 words.
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B. Assignments

- Four Quizzes
- Paper: Expansion of one of the topics covered in the lessons; 400 words.
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B. Assignments

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B. Assignments

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B. Assignments

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B. Assignments

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B. Assignments

- **Six Quizzes**
- **Paper: Expansion of one of the topics covered in the lessons; 400 words**
- **Ministry Skill 7: Preaching the Full Gospel**

MTFGCNZ: MODULE ONE..UNIT ONE **“GOD’S GIFT”**

The Purpose of this Lesson is to discover what it means to be a Christian. Our methodology for revealing this will be sourced only from the Holy Scriptures whose pages for thousands of years describes clearly who are, and who are not God’s Family. We also need to look at what God describes as His children today, and what we need to believe, and where these essentials came from.

1. The first Christians

In the 1st Century there were no official churches as there are today. Widespread persecution by the Roman and Jewish authorities scattered them from Jerusalem. **Being a Christian meant that you changed your devotion and faithfulness to God, totally through Jesus Christ.**

Reference: Acts 11:19-26.. The disciples were called Christians first of all at

That which makes a Christian different from all other religions including the Jewish faith is that Christians get the Spirit of Christ their Lord and Saviour coming to live **inside themselves!**

Therefore Christians seek to be like _____

2. The Good News (“Gospel”) describes this amazing transformation: Jesus says.. “I tell you the truth.. no-one can see the Kingdom of God unless they are born-again’ (John 3:3)

- Jesus started sharing it... Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:43-44
- The Early Disciples preached the Good News because Christ commissioned them to do so, and nothing has changed! Acts 5:41-42.

When did you first hear The Good News?

- What is ‘The Good News’?
 - Our sin is the ‘bad news’ because the entrance requirement for Heaven is 100 out of 100 every day of your earthly life.. Romans 3:23.. “For all have sinned...”
 - A ‘Blood’ Sacrifice is needed.. this is for-shadowed especially in the Passover. Hebrews 9:26-28; Hebrews 10:10-14
- People need to make a response for it to be Good News for them and the Holy Spirit will work with them to make this possible:
This response takes this form..
 - i) Repent (Godly sorrow) and throw yourself upon the mercy of God
Mark 1:15
 - ii) Believe the Good News about Jesus .. Acts 3:19.. turn totally to God!
 - iii) Be converted from the spirit of this World to the Spirit of Christ (Acts 11:21)
 - iv) Receive the Spirit of Christ within you.. Revelations 3:20
 - v) Receive Eternal Life.. John 3:16; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9; Acts 11:22-
 - vi) Confess your Faith in Him Romans 10:9-11

3. Receiving God’s Gift by faith in its practical form:

We receive it by faith, and take the practical action of using our tongue and our heart to talk to God, and ask Him to grant it to us by His Grace, and then thank Him.

A Prayer..

“Dear Father God, I know that I am a sinner, and I have heard that You love me. I believe that Jesus died on The Cross and took my punishment for my sin. I believe that His Blood can wash away my sin today. Please have mercy upon me and forgive me for every single sin I have ever committed against You. (Pause) Thank You so much for washing me clean, as pure as fresh snow. Now Lord Jesus, I need Life to come into me. I renounce my old dead life and the spirit of this world, and ask You Lord Jesus to come and live in me now by Your Spirit.(Pause) I Praise and Thank You that you now live in me, and you will never leave me, nor let me down. Please Baptize me with the Power of Your Holy Spirit. My life will now be lived as a Thank You!”.

4. Receiving God’s Full Assurance:

John 6:47.. (Write this out)

WELCOME TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

5. The New Life in Christ: “Who I now am”

We are now 'A New Creation' with a whole new life. We have a new past, and a new future! We have shifted onto God's original Plan for our existence and the adventure that goes with that.

Ephesians 1:1-4 says..

- i) I am 'chosen'... a Son of God, treasured, loved and in His eyesight.
- ii) I am 'predestined'.. I have a destiny, meaning and purpose, decisions already made for me, which I need to willingly obey, and that God has His hand on every element of my life.
- iii) I am 'adopted'.. in God's Family.. no longer alienated, orphaned or alone. I have a full inheritance with Christ with it's associated rights and privileges, and a new Name among God's Believers. Ephesians 1:6-13
- iv) I am 'sealed' by the Holy Spirit.. I have been 'sealed'. Ephesians 1:14-23

Ministry Training Assignment # 1:

Step One:

Prepare a Testimony... and after it has been OK'd by your Lecturer (i.e. Email it through for marking.. you may have to do a rewrite), share it with an Unbeliever.

Firstly.. Your testimony needs some structure:

- i) One third is about your life before Christ ; or if you grew up in a Christian Family what it was like before you asked Christ to come into your heart.
- ii) One third is about your Day of Salvation, and how it happened.
- iii) One third is about your life since then, and what Christ has made different for you.

Note: Don't glorify Satan in section 1 by how stating details with too much information about how negative your past was.. approach it from an angle such as .. Before I met Christ my life was full of fears... or Before I met Christ I had a deep sense of unease and darkness in my heart from much wrong that I had done..

Step Two.. (after your corrected Testimony is returned).. pray and seek Holy Spirit's help to share it with whoever God has planned for you to. Send in the details of your name, who you shared it with, and the outcome.

MTFGCNZ: MODULE ONE: UNIT 2
SPIRITUAL GROWTH: TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOR
GOOD!

Takes a Lifetime of following and obeying Jesus

1. Communion
2. Water Baptism
3. Bible Reading
4. Journaling
5. Praying
6. Giving

1. COMMUNION.. God's developing revelation

- Melchizedek gave 'communion' to Abraham
- The Feast of the Passover instituted the power of 'the blood of the lamb'.. *"the life is in the Blood" (Leviticus 1:1-13) .. for "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins"*
- John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the fulfilling "Lamb of God" (John 1:29).. for we eat ordinary lambs, they are not equal in value to a human being.. but

sinless, glorious Jesus is the sacrifice for the whole of humanity. (John3:16)

- Jesus sacrificed Himself in our place, out of supreme Love! All of humanity were born with the fallen Adamic nature except for Christ.. who already was God, and the Father overshadowed the Virgin Mary through the Holy Spirit and placed Him within her, so that He was born fully God and fully man, totally Holy.. fully capable of sinning, but refused to, and learnt obedience through suffering.
- The five proclamations in Communion:
 - i) I participate in the redemption of Jesus.. Mt 26:26-29.. "take eat, this My Body".... "This the Blood of the Covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins"
 - ii) I participate in the life of Jesus.. Luke 22:14-20..
 - iii) I participate in the family of Jesus.. 1 Cor 10:16,17.. "we who are many are one Body"
 - iv) I participate in Jesus' ministry.. 1 Cor 11:23-26.. "do this in remembrance of Me".."you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again".
 - v) I participate in the Unity of the Body of Christ..
 - a) Ephesians 4:3-6.. "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit.."
The eight elements of Living in Communion
Belonging Accountability Prayerful support Divine
empowerment Shared vision Mutual care Resurrection Life
Shared Values
 - b) Acts 4:23-35.. "No-one claimed that any of their possession were their own, but they shared everything they had.. with great Power the Apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of Jesus, and much Grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them..."

2. WATER BAPTISM.. how has it changed your life?

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17 (Read this)

- Jesus did it to fulfil all righteousness
- It heralds the beginning of public ministry and witness to God
- It is an occasion for manifestation of the Spirit
- God affirms His Love and His pleasure
- It isn't optional.. Acts 2:38 "Repent and be Baptized" (Acts 10:47-48)
- It is a vital part of the Gospel (Matthew 28:18-20).. **"Baptise them..."**
- It is a burial to the old life and nature, and evidence of a new life .. Colossians 2:12

- “baptizo” (GK) means to immerse in water.. (Romans 6:3-4; Acts 8:38,39
- You have to be a Believer first, and infants and babies haven’t reached the age of understanding. Sprinkling developed from a wrong practice in the scattered Early Church.

3. BIBLE READING.. study it for all it’s worth.. how has reading the Bible changed your life?

Learn to rightly divide the Word of God.

- How to study the Bible.. 2 Timothy 3:14-17... **“known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ..”**
- Feed yourself spiritual food daily
- Ask the Holy Spirit who wrote it to give you revelation understanding of it’s meaning
- Learn the Scripture a verse at a time, and renew your mind (Romans 12:1,2)
- The Word is all powerful, and is God’s last Word on everything (Hebrews 4:12)
- The Word will set you free.. John 8:31,32
- We show our Love for Jesus by knowing what He says and obeying it.. (John 14:23,24)
- We find out how to please God in all things.. Psalm 119:11
- It will show us when we do wrong and how to correct ourselves (Hebrews 4:12)
- It gives us direction for our life.. Matthew 7:24-26
- It makes us fruitful and prosperous.. (Psalm 1:1-3.. **“Blessed is the man..”**)
- It gives us power to Pray.. John 15:7-8
- Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (*‘Rhema’*).. Romans 10:17

4. COMMIT TO STUDYING THE BIBLE AND JOURNALLING.. Isaiah 8:1

- Select a good translation
- Read it daily
- Makes notes of passages the Holy Spirit quickens to you.. it is God speaking into your life.

5. PRAYING.. This will change everything!

- Pray Continually... 1 Thess 5:16-18.. You are talking to God.. and you

will grow spiritually so much faster.. listen to mature Christians praying and learn from them too.

ii) Types of Prayer:

- General: General daily needs;
- Supplication: being very specific about your own needs and concerns
- Intercession: Praying with Holy Spirit's help for others
- Thanksgiving: Always bless and thank God for His phenomenal goodness
- With Fasting; sacrifice food and personal pursuits to break through spiritual strongholds, and draw ever closer to God

iii) We should pray for: (always ask Holy Spirit to help you)

- Our leaders 1 Timothy 2:1-3
- For Wisdom James 1:5
- For healing.. James 5:14-15
- For one another.. Ephesians 6:18-19
- For our food and drink.. 1 Tim 4:4-5
- For those who treat us badly.. Matthew 5:44
- For God's Servants.. Colossians 4:2-4
- For the Lord of the Harvest to send out labourers.. Luke 10:2

6. GIVING.. So God can provide for us while we get on and build the Kingdom of God!

- i) Bring 10% into the storehouse.. it is "cherem"(Hebrew).. "belongs to God". The first 10% never ever belonged to you in the first place. The pattern was shown to us with Abraham and Melchizedek, and now continues with Jesus our High Priest, who is our Prophet, Priest and King after the order of Melchizedek. (See Malachi 3:10; especially Hebrews 7:1-9).. *"don't rob Him.. give him what is His.. and He will rebuke the devourer and open the windows of heaven and pour us out Blessing we cannot contain."*
- ii) Do it cheerfully and generously, for the amount we give will be measured back to us by God.. Luke 6:38; and 2 Corinthians 9:7
- iii) Your tithe is God's way of financing the growth of the Kingdom of God through your Local Church
How did you learn the importance of tithing?
If you don't tithe now, repent, and ask God to break the curse of the thief over your provision, from off your life, and help you start next Sunday.

MTFGCNZ: MODULE ONE..UNIT 3 DEVELOPING POWER

Goal for this Unit:

The student will achieve a clear, Biblical view of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit in him/her individually and within the Body of Christ. The student will know how to apply what He tells us to do, so that we can be the mouth, hands and heart of Christ to people we are meeting daily. The student will understand the Holy Spirit's Power to do the things God wants us to.

A. The Power of God the Holy Spirit:

1.The Holy Spirit was promised by Jesus:

- a) *John 7:37-39..* it is Christ who baptizes us with the power (Gk. 'dunamis' - *unlimited, continuously generated power*) of the Holy Spirit, because Father has given this for Him to do, because He has been glorified from death for us.
- b) *Luke 11:11-13..* The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is called the 'Father's Promise'.
- c) *Romans 4:20..* We receive this Promise by faith, and not by feelings, although feelings experiences may accompany the Belief in Father's Promise being received.
- d) *Acts 1:8..* Holy Spirit is a real Person, not a thing.
- e) *Luke 24:49..* It is literally being 'clothed' with power from Heaven.

Summary 1: (See John 14:15-18)

- We will be empowered to witness.. through the proclamation of the Truth, with spiritual gifts being manifest, and signs and wonders following.
- As the Spirit of Truth.. He will lead you into all Truth
- He will never leave you!
- He will always be with God's Believers.

Summary 2: (See John 16:5-14)

- He teaches us all things that God desires to teach us, and this will be based on Scriptural Principles as recorded in The Word
- Brings all things to remembrance (open your mouth and I will fill it)
- Convicts the world of sin.. so The Gospel brings repentance as a work of the Holy Spirit
- Convinces of our need to walk righteously (through conscience as well)
- Shows us Satan and his works have been judged, and we have the victory over him through Jesus Name, and Holy Spirit's Power

Put your name in here: **Acts 10:38.. "And God anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and fire, and He went about doing good, and healing those oppressed by Satan because God was with Him."**

- Guides us into all Truth
- Speaks about the things to come
- Will always Glorify Jesus
- Gives us the Power of God to do His mighty works.

(see Isaiah 11:1-2)

Result in the Believer: “I tell you the Truth, anyone who has faith in Me, will be doing what I am doing, and even greater things shall he do, as I go to My Father who is in Heaven.”

B. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit:

I) Firstly we receive the ‘seal’ or ‘earnest’ of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13.. **“sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise”**. Sealing and baptizing are two different actions by God.

Acts 8:15-17 “When they arrived they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then Peter and John laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

What was an ‘earnest’? It was a visible, tangible seal of

ii) The Baptism with the Holy Spirit:

- Luke 24:49.. **“clothed with Power from on High”**.
- Acts 1:8.. **“you will be My witnesses”... witnesses that Christ lives within you! “But you know Him, for He lives with you, and shall be in you.”** John 14:17

C. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

1 Corinthians 12:4-11.. “There are different Gifts, but the same Spirit”..

v.31.. **“but covet earnestly the best Gifts, yet I show unto you a more excellent way”**. What Gifts do you believe the Holy Spirit wants you to receive? How will you go about receiving them?

Mark 16:16ff.. **“And these signs shall accompany those who believe.. in My Name they shall cast out demons, they shall speak with new tongues, they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover..”**

Speaking in new tongues: The Apostle Paul says..I speak in tongues more than anyone else”.. Why? See Jude 20.. **“build up your most Holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit”**. (see 1 Corinthians 14:4)

If you do not speak in tongues it doesn’t mean that aren’t baptized in the Holy Spirit.

References:

- 1 Cor 14:5.. **“I would like everyone of you to speak in tongues”**
- 1 Cor. 14:4.. **“He who speaks in tongues edifies himself”**
- Jude 20.. **“Build up your most Holy Faith.”**
- Romans 8:26-27.. The Holy Spirit prays through us according to the will

of God

- 1 Cor.14:14-15..we enter the realm of the truly Divine Supernatural..
"pray in a tongue, and my spirit prays.. sing with the Spirit etc."
- 1 Cor. 14:26..We hear edifying words of instruction from the Lord.

D. How to lead a Believer in the Baptism of the holy Spirit:

1. Make sure they are Born Again
2. Check their reason.. you may need to clarify their understanding further
3. Explain that like salvation, Baptism with the Holy Spirit is a free gift
4. See if there are hindrances e.g. occult practices and deal with these
5. Ask.."Do you want to speak in tongues?"
6. The person prays and asks The Lord Jesus Christ for the Holy Spirit Gift of tongues which they have not learned. Receive it by faith.
7. Get ready to start speaking the sounds that God puts into your head.. respond like a trusting little child.. don't care what they sound like!
8. Pray in tongues very quietly with them, placing your hand gently on their shoulder
9. Encourage them to pray in it as often as possible.
10. Review what's happened: They are speaking a real language. They are speaking to God. They are speaking spiritual secrets. They are being built up. Their spirit is praying. They are giving thanks as well.

Assignment:

1. Who needs to be Baptised in the Holy Spirit
2. Practise leading each other in Holy Spirit Baptism.. then switch roles
3. Get God to lead you to a Christian friend, so you can share this lesson with them. Practice builds confidence.
4. Email through your name, and the details of who, when, and where you led a Believer to be Baptised in the Holy Spirit.

MTFGCNZ: MODULE ONE..UNIT FOUR “DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL GIFTS”

This unit will present a clear Biblical view of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit, both in the individual believer, and in the gathered Church of individual believers. We need to have both the understanding and application in our own lives, so that in our everyday life we can be the mouth, hands and heart of Christ to our neighbour. The primary emphasis must be on the personal and incarnational dwelling of the Holy

Spirit in the Temple of the Holy Spirit who is me, The Believer.

1. It is God the Holy Spirit who gives us the Gifts and the Power to operate them.

- i) We release these Gifts individually whenever the need arises:
Jesus made it clear in the story of the Good Samaritan, that our neighbour is anyone who is in need, and we are able to help them. Gifts can be given, and released, for the need of the moment.
- ii) Mostly we release these Gifts together as one Body:
Romans 12:5-8. "so in Christ we who are many form one Body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different Gifts, according to the Grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve. If it is teaching, let him teach. If it is encouraging, let him encourage. If it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously. If it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."
 - 7 Gifts are listed above
 - These gifts are “charis” , “charisma”(Gk) which means “Grace towards”.. so the Gifts are the Grace of God working in the Holy Spirit’s Power through you to bring the gracious works of God to those unable to repay Him, and to those who have never earned or deserved God’s goodness in this way. Each Believer receives a different ‘measure’ of God’s Grace.
 - ***Luke 4:18,19..Jesus said.. “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring Good News.. recovery of sight..” etc.***
 - ***Mark 16:19..”So then after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into Heaven and sat at the right hand of God.. and they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming The Word with signs and wonders following.”*** The Spirit of the Lord, as He was with Jesus, and His disciples is with us, His Disciples today!
- iii) We release the gifts for the common good of those who need them.
1 Corinthians 12:7-11 “Now to each one, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through The Spirit the Word of Wisdom, to another Word of knowledge, to another Faith by the self-same Spirit; to another Gifts of Healing, to another the working of Miracles, to another Prophecy, to another the

discerning of spirits, to another speaking in tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of the one and same Spirit, and He gives them to each one, just as He determines”.

- Another 9 Gifts are listed here

iv) Some Believers are appointed to function in specific ministry “callings”.

There are 5 of these ‘ministry-calling’ Gifts.. to equip the saints to do the work of Ministry.

Ephesians 4:7.. Unto everyone of us is given Grace, according to the measure of the Gift of Christ..

- Jesus manifested all and every Gift of Grace, whereas we are given ‘several’ of these which He manifest, but when we are all put together we can **collectively** manifest The Body of Christ

Ephesians 4:11-13.”.It was He who gave some to be Apostles, some to be Prophets, some to be Evangelists, some to be Pastors and some to be Teachers.. to equip the saints to do the work of Ministry, so that the Body of Christ may be built up, until we all reach Unity in the Faith, and in the knowledge of the Son of god and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

- Those who minister these ministries are to be examples to other members of the Body of Christ about how to learn and function as they have done.

2. Manifesting these Gifts in the agape love of God is our Principal mission.

We gain nothing without giving in love..

1 Corinthians 13:1-3..**If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but have not love, I am like some sounding bell or clanging symbol. If I have the gift of prophesy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have faith that can move mountains but have not love, I am nothing. Love is patient, love is kind, love is not jealous or conceited or proud.. If I give all I possess and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I have gained nothing!..**

*That's why the “Shama” is the greatest command of all..”**You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and all your strength, and love your neighbour as yourself”.**(Deuteronomy 6:4,5)*

We should eagerly desire the best gift.

1 Corinthians 14:1-3..**”Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts.. especially the gift of prophecy. For anyone who speaks in tongues does not**

speak to men, but to God. Indeed no-one understands him; he utters mysteries with his Spirit. But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.”

We should seek to enlighten and strengthen those gathered:

1 Corinthians 14:12 “So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual Gifts, try to excel in those gifts that build up the Church”.

3. Here are the main Holy Spirit Gifts and talents listed.

(In our next Module we will give full descriptions and definitions)

1. Service gifts

Administration Giving Craftsmanship Helps/Serving Intercession
Hospitality

2. Communication Gifts:

Word of knowledge Creativity Gifts Word of Wisdom Tongues
Interpretation of Tongues Preaching Prophecy Discerning spirits

3. Pastoral gifts:

Counselling Mercy Encouragement Shepherding/Pastoring
Leadership Teaching

4. Evangelistic gifts:

Apostle Healing Celibacy Martyrdom Evangelism
Miracles Exorcism Missionary Faith Voluntary poverty

Baptism with the Holy Spirit creates potential for controversy stirred up by the ‘evil one’ for a variety of reasons..

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit: .. is first and foremost the in-filling of the Believer with the personal, loving presence of the Holy Spirit. The spirit of Christ Himself fills us, and empowers our mind, emotions and will, so that the believer loves and acts out of the mind of Christ. (Philippians 2:1,5) Because this grace is demonstrated with Love, the gifts of the Spirit and the Fruit of the Spirit will work in harmony (Galatians 5:22,23). These Gifts always belong to the Holy Spirit. Both they and our ‘calling’ are given without repentance. Each Church will release the gifts differently. **The most important ingredient is the exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord.**

When both a local Church; and when a person moves in the power of the Holy Spirit they are healing the destruction which Satan and his spirits have created. Therefore because Lucifer’s essential mission as he pervertedly sees it, “ ***is to steal, kill and destroy***” (John 10:10); and the Believer’s is to fulfil the Great Commission with Power. The manifestation of Holy Spirit giftings is a direct attack on the kingdom of darkness. This creates a reaction from the prince of the power of the air, and he will

seek to create division and spiritual disunity both within the Body of Christ per se; and the local spirit-filled church.

This may be facilitated by:

- the falling away of Grace, and the rise of a critical and judgemental spirit in those prone to this.
- Unbiblical, rebellious ‘behind-the-back’ attacks on leadership by those who refuse to be corrected from their mixture of Truth and error, who themselves persuade others to agree with them, and fragment.
- Rebelliousness, which is as the spirit of witchcraft with an accompanying refusal to submit to God’s appointed Eldership
- The rise of spirits of traditionalism and religion to obstruct and oppose the Truth today as it was at Pentecost.

Use these Gifts in the “***Unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace***”.
(Ephesians 4:3)

Note the size of the ‘Measure’:

Romans 12:3..”think soberly, as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith..”

Romans 12:6.. ***”having gifts differing, according to the Grace given unto us.”***

God grants ‘measures’ of Grace, of Faith and of gifting. Some may move mightily, and continuously in a gift like prophecy, and do so unto whole movements, regions and Nations.. but others may move in it a couple of times in their life, to a single person, but still be available to do so until they are called Home. We need both, that’s why God grants ‘measures’ for Christ’s Body to be manifest.

MTFGCNZ: MODULE ONE.. UNIT 5 **“THE CHURCH FAMILY”**

Goal for this Unit:

To define the ministry and work of the people of God, who gather for the business of the Kingdom of God. These people are the Church Family. The ‘environment’ we create, and the purpose are there for, need to be examined and understood.

1. An Environment for healing and Restoration

1. Loving one another with Agape Love. Agape Love is first of all a faith choice, not an emotion.. it does have a strongly emotional element to it. God is an emotional God. Jesus role-modeled it for us. Always seek the highest good for each other, always, no matter what personal sacrifice is involved.

Ephesians 5:1-2... “be imitators of God.. live a life of Love.. follow Jesus example...”

John 13:34-35.. “A new commandment I give to you..that you love one another as I have loved you.. By this shall all men know that you are My disciples if you love one another”

2. Never stop meeting together: Hebrews 10:25.. and when you meet together be an encourager, not a discourager.
 - To hear from God.. Church is about God meeting with His Family
 - Vision.. to understand shared vision, and collective focus on fulfilling the purpose related to that
 - To show the world that Jesus’ lives
 - To have a place where God’s Family can celebrate
 - Demonstrate the Presence of God in our midst (Matt. 18:22)

3. Accept one another: Be Gracious..”Grace be unto you and Peace..” Gracious acceptance is what Jesus showed when He gave us what we could never earn or deserve. Release your family members from the need to earn your approval by performance, or what you consider to be ‘the’ acceptable standard of behaviours.. Acceptance has to do with your person, not your behaviour or performance.

- I am able to agree to disagree with you
- I will not make you a victim of my emotions
- I will disagree with you in ways that will not damage or abuse you
- I will embrace your weaknesses
- I will cheer your strengths and never compete with them
- I will not reject you
- I will not control you

- I will watch you change, without overtly trying to change you
- I will never view you as inferior
- I will take the log out of my own eye before I try to remove the speck out of yours.

4. Forgive One another:

Forgiveness: “ is really happening in my heart when when I give up on my desire to punish, or see a person punished; and releasing one from my own personal Judgement into the hands of God the perfect Judge.”

A healing Church will have an environment of forgiving one another.

Forgiveness like Agape Love, is firstly a choice, not an emotion. We are commanded to forgive each other, or else God will not forgive us.

(Matthew 6:14-15; Ephesians 4:29-32)

Question: How has forgiveness improved your relationship with yourself, God and your neighbour?

2. What are the observable elements of a New Testament Church?

Main Scripture: Acts 2:42-47... Here are some ‘key words’:

“devoted themselves.. Apostle’s Teaching.. fellowship.. breaking bread and prayer.. signs and wonders done by the Apostles.. were in unity and had all things in common.. gave to everyone as they had need.. broke bread together in their homes.. glad and sincere hearts.. Praised God.. enjoyed favour.. Lord added to their number daily those being saved.”

- Teaching by mature Leadership.. The Word proclaimed
- Fellowship of like-minded believers with praise and thanksgiving
- God is worshipped ‘in Spirit and in Truth’.. with sincere hearts
- Communion is celebrated
- Prayer by all those gathered
- The gifts of the Spirit can function
- The Presence of God is adored
- The miraculous is demonstrated bringing breakthroughs in the lives of those present
- The extension of God’s Kingdom is financed through tithes and offerings
- Opportunity for the unbeliever to receive Salvation on repentance and forgiveness of sins

3. We aren’t going to Church, we are the Church!

We have Strength in Unity to bring God’s great good to a dying world.

The Church is THE BODY OF CHRIST.. It is God’s influence for change from the kingdom of darkness to Christ!

Ephesians 1:22-23.. which is His Body..

Romans 12:4-5.. one Body with many members...

The Church is God’s “Force”.. (John 20:21-22; Matthew 28:18-20)

- As Christ’s Body to carry out God’s work and purposes

- Where everyone ‘serves’..
- People full of the Holy Ghost and Power helping other people
- Ministering in an environment of love, Grace and forgiveness

It operates from Monday-Saturday out in the World (Romans 12:14-18)
where: Read Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16

- Each one is strategically placed “open for business” to be Christ in the World while being sensitive to local laws and customs
- God’s catalyst/agent for good change.. ministering Christ’s Love and Power through faith into the everyday world
- Released Spirit-directed ministry into the culture of the kingdom of darkness six days a week
- Penetrating the culture of this world through releasing the transforming power of Christ into every place the Believer works, lives, plays and socializes.

WHAT STRATEGIES DOES A ‘LOCAL CHURCH’ EMPLOY?

1. Identify ministry resources: people called by Christ to touch others and equip them, and support them
2. Identify Community Access points: which your Church has as represented by your congregation.. Youth, pre-schoolers, etc.
3. Identify where members are placed on weekdays: Pray for them and encourage their witness for Christ in their place of influence
4. Identify Christ’s strategy for our church: within our Community
5. Be “open for Business”: in every way He has shown us, and is credible and appropriate in our area of influence.
6. Identify where individuals are geographically placed: so that they can cluster together in House-churches etc to strategize and believe for their own ministry and their collective ministry. These groups are a chance for the Gospel to progress in an unlimited fashion. **Build relationships carefully with new people for several weeks, or longer, first, so that they are assimilated into your mid-week fellowship, and begin to ‘own’ it. If they have had issues that have taken twenty years to develop, then waiting for another month or so, is not going to hurt them. Pouncing on them for intensive ministry at first sight will often frighten them off you, and Christ, and in small communities you will lose favour, and be avoided. God cannot afford that.**
 - Be accountable to your central Church overseers
 - Attendees are firstly under the care of the mid-week group leaders before referral
 - Group leaders need ongoing coaching.. preferably at least

10 times per year

- Attendees must be in a ‘safe place’ where they can become assimilated, and have a chance to use Holy Spirit ministry gifts when they are ready
- The number of attendees between 6-12 allows for personal interaction
- Time is allowed for personal care and prayer ministry from, and to all attendees
- When the group exceeds the size for effective discipleship (10) the “assistant leaders” are sent-out by the Group to form a new small group of their own.
- The Principle Goal is: to ensure everyone has a healthy exposure to the traits of the Christian life.. and learning these through watching, asking, participating, sharing and praying as an extended family. Healthy discipleship can then take place in an atmosphere of love, acceptance and forgiveness.

What effect has participating in a small group had on your own life?

Has it achieved the Goal of “Healthy Growth at an accelerated pace”?

MTFGCNZ: MODULE ONE.. UNIT 6 “THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH”

Objective of this Unit:

“To help us define clearly how we as individuals can participate in the:

- Vision
- Calling; and
- Mission of our Church.

Obviously a “Mission Statement” for our own Church is essential. It needs to be repeated, and clearly articulated. It allows prospective members to choose through making positive contributions with their gifts and talents.

1. PLANNING FOR A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH

- a) A Clearly defined statement of our Mission to fulfil the vision..

Where there is a clearly defined Vision which describes the purpose and mission of a Church, people don't develop misunderstanding and lack of fulfilment. God's purpose is for us to strive for harmony, as step by step we fulfil our future together.

Proverbs 29:18: “Where there is no vision, the people perish, but he that keeps the law, happy is he”. This verse, in general speaks about a conscious responsibility to keep The Word of God, and those who don't will perish, because they are walking in their own wisdom. Those who deliberately keep the Word will find the Holy Spirit bringing them Blessing and happiness. **In a specific sense**, it speaks of God's Word of direction for His people collectively.

An example: The vision for our portion of the Body of Christ is to bring Restoration of the Full Gospel in Word and demonstration of Power to this people in this region through this Church Family, and to give ten thousand people over a ten year period a sincere opportunity to turn to the Gospel, and be saved, and fulfil the Great Commission. It is based on God's Word from Isaiah 43:18-20.. **Remember not the former things, nor the things of old.. behold I do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.. I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the**

desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen."

God also says: Proverbs 16:1-9.. "To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the reply of the tongue. All a man's ways may seem innocent to him, but the Lord weighs the motives behind them. Commit to the Lord everything you intend doing, and all of your plans will succeed, because the Lord works out everything for His own ends—even the wicked for the day of disaster. The Lord detests the proud of heart. love and faithfulness, sin is atoned for, and through the fear of the Lord, man avoids evil. When a man's ways please the Lord He even makes his enemies to live at peace with him. Better a little righteousness, then much gain through dishonesty. In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines the steps." Be sure of this.. they will not go unpunished. Through

2. The Mission

.. because every Church will have a different vision, mission and calling. If you are in a Church that doesn't have one, it is like a rudderless ship.

How does it happen? God places a cause in the Senior leader's heart. This becomes the driving force behind the growth of the local Church. One successful denomination is the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, and it's Mission Statement is found as an Appendix to this first series.

3. The Cause

When the reason for God raising up that Church is from Him.. then it will have a firm foundation on which to succeed and grow. If man proposes it, it's foundation will be faulty and it is heading for difficult times. When God proposes a 'work' it will have times of tribulation, but they will be passed through as part of the journey, whereas the other will have tribulation as it's end. Only the Leadership can set the course for a local Church.. and they before God are responsible for hearing from Him, and carrying out His instructions for the care and growth of the Congregation(s).

1. The overseer or leader of the local Church is commonly called the Pastor, but he may be a planter and overseer of several local churches and so will be an Apostle.

Ephesians 4:11-13: "It was He (Jesus) who gave some to be Apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be Pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up until we all reach Unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

2. The overseer or pastor is placed in service by God.

1 Peter 5:1-3 “To the Elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ’s sufferings and one who will also share in the Glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money; but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.”

3. The true Pastor is motivated by God and not money or reputation. Some who promote themselves to be pastors will not have the best interests of the congregation in mind. They covet what they perceive incorrectly to be the prestige and prominence of the office, but not the serious responsibilities of looking after the congregation. The outcome is often tragic.

John 10:11-13.. “I am the good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.”

4. God gives the cause and mission for the church to the Pastor.
Habbakuk 2:2-3 “Then the Lord replied: Write down the revelation (vision) and make it plain on tablets so that My herald might run with it. For the revelations awaits an appointed time, it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it lingers, wait for it, it will certainly come and not delay.”

- The Pastor must have a clear vision of what the Church is supposed to do in the community where it is planted.
- The Pastor should proceed only when he has clarified the vision, and can clearly communicate the cause and mission to those desiring to be part of the local Church
- The leadership Team surrounding the Pastor must know in advance what the church is called to do, and where it is headed, and by faith and works labour to see it fulfilled.
- The Pastor and leadership need to be in accord as to the church’s cause and vision, and establish that as that church’s statement, and put it in writing for all to see.

2. There are many causes..

Each church has its own cause, and there are as many causes as there are Pastors. Some churches embrace several causes.. but there will be a set of Scriptures around which the cause of that Church is based. That scripture will dictate the guidelines God gives to that Church to follow.

Here are some of the general themes of some causes:

- Evangelism.. plant house-churches and churches and reach a

region, or target group

- Preaching
- Restoration to The Word and Holy Ghost power
- Specific language groups
- Political issues
- Benevolence to the poor
- Environmental
- Discipleship
- Music, and /or drama
- Missions to foreign lands
- Spiritual warfare
- Friendship and fellowship
- Spiritual warfare
- Grace, Love, Acceptance and forgiveness
- Deliverance issues
- Messianic Jews
- Praise and Worship
- Traditionalism

Which will your Church needs to fulfill it's Mission?

3.The Objectives of the Church

These are measurable, and they can be stated in quantifiable terms. Sometimes they can be expressed in terms of time milestones, as the steps of the Mission unfold. It is a means of seeing if the local Church is doing what it set out to do.

- To grow by x% per year
- To see x decisions for Christ
- To see x number of people exposed to The Gospel so that they can have a sincere opportunity to respond to Christ.
- To see x number of House-churches and churches planted
- To produce x number of Pastors per year(s)
- Etc. etc. ***These need to be God inspired!***

4.The strategies of the Church

The specific things we need to do to accomplish our objectives. These are action items.

- Develop a congregation skilled at bringing and including others into their lives, and into a discovery of Jesus Christ.

- Develop outreaches which are focused on segments of our populations e.g. young mums and dads; married couples; 18-35 yr olds; elderly etc.
- Develop public services which are seeker sensitive, and effective in outreach and care
- Develop adequate staffing to carry out the training of lay people for care and outreach.
- Develop adequate facilities to sustain the pace of growth.
- Help each Believer find a role and job in helping others to be assimilated and cared for.
- Develop special outreach Crusades, or musicals during the year to give people a “handle” to invite others to.
- Develop an adequate funding base through faithful tithing and giving, to achieve all our objectives, and properly care for the full-time workers.
- Develop a strong and vital preaching team to effectively disperse the sharing of God’s weekly Word.
- Create an environment which is innovative on accepting new persons, and helping them access their God-given talents and gifts, and use them for Christ’s Glory.
- Develop a strong Training Program for the leadership, and lay leaders, so they can be there for the long haul.
- Develop a system where the local Church produces its own potential staff persons.

5. The Values of the Church

The values are the truths and desirable traits which the leadership holds dearest to its heart. The Pastor and Staff will deem them to be the most important core traits of the church. The values of the leadership will be reflected in their behaviour and interaction with the congregation. The values will emanate from the preaching and teaching from the pulpit.

Some of the possible values found in a church may include:

- An environment of Unity, Grace, Love, Acceptance and Forgiveness, and the elimination of judgementalism, legalism, factionalism and strife.
- Each person has the right to make their own decisions for their personal life; and there will be available the wise counsel of their Pastor should they require it, or wish to sound it out.
- There will be a high level by leadership of ensuring that resources God entrusts to us will be used for the highest good for God’s Kingdom.
- We value a strong personal home life, because this is where Christ and who He is primarily the responsibility of the home to ensure that he is both ‘caught’

and taught.

- We value accountability. The relationship of the individual with their church is non-negotiable. The systems of accountability both inside and outside the church are valued very highly, and considered essential to the maintenance of all for which we stand as a Church.
- We value holiness. We value our right standing before God through Christ, in that we are to maintain our righteousness, resist sinful use of our income, and resist disobedience to Christ.
- We value the Glorifying of Christ above all.
- We value immensely, the spontaneity of the Holy Spirit, and the free expression of His Gifts. We are aware of the need to be aware of His intervention at any time, and respond as a Body to that.
- We value the concept of The Church as a Power of God/Force, bring the Presence of Christ's heart, hands and mouth to the Community.
- We value highly our own unique liberty and calling of God as a Church. We value the right to be who we are as a Congregation, without regard to what is being said or is being presently done in other groups or congregations, with reference to how they fulfill Christianity.
- We value The Word of God as the supreme Rule of Faith and Life, and for it to be the interpreter of who we are, and how we act.

6. Church Priorities

Our priorities will always be the non-reducible items that are essential to the operation of our Church. Items outside of this are secondary.

- **The Word:** We study the Word methodically. Every Service and gathering will represent the priority of The Word.
- **Worship:** The Christian community is the only worshipping community in the World, and so we will worship “in Spirit and in Truth, with a free-flowing expression of Worship. True worship involves the giving of ourselves, our money, and our adoration of Jesus.
- **Outreach:** Every facet of our church is dedicated supremely to the lost coming to know Christ as their Saviour, healer, Baptiser in the Holy Spirit, and their Coming King. Through this we reach the new, the lonely and the sick, and they are restored.
- **Healing:** Priority is given to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and maintaining an environment where wholeness is always entertained and received.
- **Prayer:** Is the ‘Powerhouse’ of the Church. Intercession is essential. Prayer for assistance will be available at every Service, House-church, and all our gatherings. We believe that communication with our miracle-working God is a vital part of New Testament Life.
- **Growth:** We are created as a Church to grow... “*you shall be as a sharp*

harvesting instrument having teeth." We are believing for God to bring us in our journey to this place.. "God added to the Church daily, those who were to be saved".

- **Missions:** We are World Christians and as Holy Spirit leads us we will continue with Missions overseas; but realise that we are here to missionise this region as part of being Christ's Church.
- **Corporate Ministry and responsibility:** Is the whole church ministering to each other, not the abhorrent concept of "paid professionals" doing the job.
- **Participation:** **Participation** is an important facet of everyone's life. It breaks down the tendency to be entertained, and produces an environment where we are all bearing the load together. Our goal is to have you involved, at whatever level you are comfortable.

7. Membership

When you come into agreement with the cause, vision, objectives, strategies and values of your Local Church, you seek membership of that Church. This means that you will attend regularly, give 10% of your income, and serve in a responsible position in your Church. The Word encourages you to be committed to your Local Church. This is opposite to what 'the spirit of this world' proclaims, which is "keep your options open, never commit yourself to anything, and never get tied down". That is unbiblical. One of the signs of a Believer maturing, is commitment to your Local Church. This means that you demonstrate that you are accountable to the leadership and remain teachable. Ministry opportunities are offered to those who are stable, committed, trustworthy and available. If you want to go on ministering for Christ then remain faithful to your Local Church. Your gifts will eventually make a way for you.

- i) **Hebrews 10:24-25..** ***"And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.. and all the more as you see the Day approaching"***
- ii) **Ephesians 5:21..** ***"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ".***
- iii) **Romans 12:5,10..** ***"So in Christ we who are many form one Body, and each member belongs to all the others. Be devoted to one another in brotherly Love. Honour one another above yourselves."***
- iv) **Hebrews 13:7..** ***"Obey those that have rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: follow their faith, and consider the implications of their conversation".***
- v) **1 Corinthians 14:26..** ***What shall we say then brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, or word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening***

of the Church.

vi) **Acts 16:5.. So the Churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.**

Question: Have you decided to become a participating member. You can now become a responsible, giving, and serving member!



INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

PURPOSE: The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel exists to Glorify God and advance His Kingdom. Jesus Christ's command is to preach the Gospel, and make disciples of all nations (Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19). Therefore we are.. "Dedicated unto the cause of inter-denominational and world-wide evangelism".

MISSION: Our call is to preach Jesus Christ, God's Son, as the Saviour, Healer, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit and the Coming King. Our assignment is to develop, healthy, growing Churches. Our commitment is to plant national churches around the World led by loving servants of Jesus Christ. Churches developed in this manner will reproduce again and again. This makes possible the spread of the Gospel to those who have not heard or accepted the message of God's Son.

STRATEGY: The strategy of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel is to follow the pattern of church development found in the New Testament. The Holy Spirit led the Church in this early development. The pattern has four stages. It helps to understand where we are in the Growth process, and where we need to go. Each stage is different but connects closely with the others.

Stage One: Pioneer. The church starts when the workers bring the lost to Christ, and

plant local congregations. The goal is responsible disciples who evangelise and reproduce themselves. The Church at Thessalonica in Greece started this way (Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

Stage Two: Establish. The church grows stronger when workers give practical teaching and train Christian leaders. The goal is responsible, reproducing leaders who serve their families and the local Church. The church on the Island of Crete matured this way. (Titus 1-3)

Stage Three: Empower. The national Church organises to govern and support itself and do its own evangelism in a way which is sensitive to local cultures. The goal is responsible local congregations that plant other churches. Together they become a national church movement to reach the entire country. The church at Ephesus in Turkey developed and multiplied this way. (Acts 19-20)

Stage Four: Send. The national church reaches out to people of other cultures and languages. The goal is responsible national churches that send and support workers who serve other cultures and countries. In obedience to the Holy Spirit, the Church at Antioch in Syria became such a Church when they sent Paul and Barnabas.

Summary. Each national Church preaches The Gospel within a growing sphere of influence as it moves through the four stages. It looks forward to the day when “this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end shall come” (Matthew 24:14). The spirit of the International Foursquare Gospel Church is loving unity. It seeks to provide affirming and freeing relationships while following the New Testament order. In so doing we carry out the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. We glorify God and advance His Kingdom.