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**STEP 1.**  
**LIFE'S**  
**MISSION**

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**THOSE WHO ARE PLANTED  
IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD  
SHALL FLOURISH IN THE  
COURTS OF OUR GOD.  
THEY SHALL STILL BEAR  
FRUIT IN OLD AGE;  
THEY SHALL BE FRESH  
AND FLOURISHING.**

**– PSALM 92:13-14, NKJV**

# WELCOME

A heartfelt thank you for taking time to attend NEXT STEPS. We sincerely believe that over these 3 sessions you will find your next steps toward discovering a life of fulfillment and blessing that comes from being planted in the local Church.



# MISSION

“To impact and change our generation with the reality of Jesus.”

# VALUES

## **Worship is our Wisdom**

Our source determines our strength and so we choose to minister out of a fresh and growing personal relationship with Jesus.

## **Excellence is our Essence**

We represent God’s Kingdom on earth, so we model integrity in every aspect of our lives. We honour God by seeking to be excellent in the small details as well as on a larger scale.

## **Servanthood is our Spirit**

We commit to a life of service and honour. We endeavour to approach everything we do with a heart of humility.

## **Time is our Testimony**

We value the fact that time is precious and endeavour to live every moment in light of eternity. We show respect to others by valuing their time – this means we show up before time, we finish on time and we communicate on time.

## **People are our Priority**

Everything we do is for people. Whether in the midst of programmes, operations or people care, the value of every human is paramount.

## **Partnership is our Privilege**

We financially partner together as a LIFE family to contribute towards the fulfilment of God's plan.

## **Atmosphere is our Activity**

We recognise we can influence our environments and in every situation endeavour to generate an atmosphere of expectation, love and respect.

## **Communication is our Commitment**

We choose to communicate consistently and positively to ensure every person feels valued and well-informed. We choose to resolve all negatives positively.



## 1. Church

Church is the hub of everything we do.

"The church you see, is not peripheral to the world, the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence." Ephesians 1:23, MSG

We believe the church shouldn't be something that fades into the background of society, it should be relevant, influential, something that, love her or despise her, she can't be ignored.

We are committed to being a friendly and welcoming Church - a place that is easy to invite friends, family or a colleague without worrying about them feeling singled out or uncomfortable.

### OUR CURRENT CAMPUSES

New Zealand:     LIFE North – Albany | LIFE Central – Mount Eden  
                              LIFE South – Manukau | LIFE West - Westgate

Australia:         LIFE Melbourne – North Melbourne  
                              LIFE Adelaide – Pooraka

For more information on service times and what's on at Church, check out [lifenz.org/church](https://lifenz.org/church)

## 2. Community

Our Community focus exists to bring help and hope. We cannot impact our city and nation without a collective effort being outworked through initiatives and partnerships.

We do this through two key areas to help people in need and deliver maximum impact.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

- **Christmas Box:** every year we pack tens of thousands of food boxes that go to families in need at Christmas time.
- **Soup Kitchen:** every week our community kitchens feed hundreds of people in our city. We provide a nutritious, hot meal within a friendly whanau environment, ensuring the most vulnerable do not go hungry.
- **LIFE Homes**

## **EDUCATION**

- Quality Education Services
- Skills Update

As Christians we are called to be God's hands and feet here on earth. We would love to see all our Church involved in one of these areas at least once every year, while there will be others who are passionate about specific initiatives and can engage on a regular basis.

To find out more, visit [lifenz.org/community](https://lifenz.org/community)

## 3. Kingdom

Through our Kingdom focus, we carry our mandate to support and advance the Kingdom of God by investing into pastors, leaders, and churches around the world.

### **Our Conferences**

Our three conferences see 300+ churches represented and delegates from over 15 nations attend on an annual basis, with hundreds making decisions for Jesus, and we believe these numbers will continue to grow.

**LIFE CONFERENCE** exists to empower generations. Including Youth and Kids Conferences plus Master Classes. Find out more at [lifeconference.co.nz](http://lifeconference.co.nz)

**SISTAS** is our annual women's conference that brings together women from all walks of life, believing that we are stronger together, championing purpose over perfection. Find out more at [sistas.org.nz](http://sistas.org.nz)

**THE WEEKEND** is our annual men's event providing time to be recharged and refuelled. With entertainment, food, praise and worship, competitions, powerful speakers and more. Find out more at [theweekend.org.nz](http://theweekend.org.nz)

### **LIFE TV**

LIFE TV is an ever-growing avenue where many people hear about our church and ultimately the life-changing love of Jesus. Every week we hear stories of individuals whose lives have been impacted and changed through testimonies and encouragement as a result of watching LIFE TV. To view these episodes and to find out more, check out [lifetv.co](http://lifetv.co)



## **ANTHEM**

Anthem is a group of passionate believers who together bring their gifts and abilities in music to capture the heart, soul and spirit of what God is doing through the people of LIFE and give it words and melodies. Search "LIFE Anthem" on Spotify.

## **LIFE LEADERSHIP COLLEGE**

LIFE Leadership College exists to develop and equip the next generation of leaders, and to see students empowered to lead a life of influence. With biblical and theological teaching, students can immediately apply what they are learning through hands-on experience in key roles across the four focuses of LIFE. Find out more at [life.ac.nz](https://life.ac.nz)

## **GLOBAL IMPACT**

Global Impact trips are opportunities where we can extend our kingdom influence outside of New Zealand through practical support. We travel to our international partner organisations in Cambodia and Africa to invest into these countries to see an international impact that stretches beyond who we are at LIFE. To find out more, visit [lifenz.org/global-impact](https://lifenz.org/global-impact)

## 4. Business

LIFE Business is here to connect our business people with one another, to inspire, resource and empower people to transform their marketplace through active mentoring, business groups, courses, and resources. Our approach to business is a holistic one, ensuring our values and heart for people strengthen the calling to be a part of the business world.

**LIFE BUSINESS** is our vibrant business community for anyone with a heart for business. With three events every year to support and inspire, as well as mid-week Groups, online platforms and direct support to see people step into all God has for them in this field of influence.

**BUSINESS LIFE INVESTMENT FUND (B.L.I.F.)** has been set up to build and buy businesses with the goal of releasing these returns into our Community initiatives. With a goal of seeing 20 million dollars a year of community support being delivered by LIFE Community B.L.I.F. is always actively looking for ways to grow this fund and the assets it holds to creatively finance our vision.

**FINANCIAL LEADERS** is for those who have embraced the calling to significantly finance the vision of LIFE. We get together for an annual retreat, as well as other times throughout the a year to support, encourage and pray for each other in the outworking of this call.

To hear more about our business focus please see the website or reach out to our business team here at LIFE. Find out more at [lifenz.org/business](https://lifenz.org/business)

## Tithes and Offerings

We believe that tithing is a key principle which unlocks blessing in our lives as individuals and also resources God's house, to have influence and impact. We encourage you to read Ps Paul's book 'God, Money & Me' which so clearly articulates our heart and vision around honouring God first with our increase.

Ways to give:

- Giving stations in foyer: these are simple self-serve stations with eftpos and dropboxes. Instructions are at each giving station.
- Automatic Payment: forms are also available at giving stations.
- Pushpay: search "pushpay" into your app store on any smart phone device.

For more details, visit [lifenz.org/giving](https://lifenz.org/giving)

You are also able to request a tithe number which allows us to provide you with an annual giving receipt, required to apply for charitable donation tax rebates. To request a tithe number, simply email [info@lifenz.org](mailto:info@lifenz.org).



# BAPTISM

Water Baptism is an outward testimony of the inward change in a believer's life. It is a public profession of faith and discipleship and is a key next step in the lives of those who have said yes to Jesus. For more details, or to register your interest, visit [lifenz.org/baptism](https://lifenz.org/baptism) or contact your Connection Pastor.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct experience to salvation that God offers to all believers. Just as the indwelling Spirit that Christians receive when they are saved reproduces the character of Jesus, so the baptism of the Holy Spirit reproduces the ministry of Jesus, adding His super to our natural.

If you would like to be baptised in the Holy Spirit, please contact one of our Connection Pastors who would love to pray for you. You can find their information at the end of this booklet.





# GROUPS

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We believe authentic change happens within the context of genuine relationship.

Groups are the backbone of church life, it's where we find meaningful connection throughout the week. With hundreds of Groups across a range of life stages and interests, we know you'll find your fit. Whatever age and stage you are, there's a Group with people like you.

Check out [lifenz.org/groups](https://lifenz.org/groups) to find a Group.



# ALPHA

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation.

There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together - such as "Is there more to life than this?", "Who is Jesus?", "How does God guide us".

All sessions start with dinner, as it's a great way to build relationships and get to know each other, and then it breaks out into small groups. Alpha gives a chance to share thoughts and ideas about the topic without being corrected or judged. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective.

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PASTORAL TEAM

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