



God, the Church and the World

Introduction

The **Kairos Course** is a dynamic course that focuses on what God is doing around the world, in fulfillment of His global purpose. It is designed to educate and mobilize Christians and local churches into strategic, 21st century, world Christian mission.

The **Kairos Course** was produced in the Philippines by Living Springs International (a ministry of World Outreach). The course uses materials from the three volume World Mission Book (Dr Jonathan Lewis) and Perspectives on the World Christian Movement (US Center for World Mission).

The course was produced, initially, to assist in the mobilization of the Filipino Church into world Christian mission. Since it was produced in 1994 more than twenty thousand have gone through the course, making the **Kairos Course** a major tool in seeing the Filipino Church emerge as a missionary sending Church. It has also been conducted in over eighty (80) countries & has been translated into over 20 languages.

The **Kairos Course** attempts to lay a foundation, in the lives of Christians and in local churches, for active and strategic involvement in world evangelization.

The **Kairos Course** seeks to accomplish this by:

1. Challenging the prevailing world-view of the Church, and to see it changed into a truly Biblical world-view, that reflects a clear understanding of the purpose and plan of God.
2. Providing a clear sense of continuity in the outworking of God's worldwide 'mission of mercy' through a chosen people throughout all of history.
3. Educating in both standard and current missiological thinking and practice.
4. Encouraging active participation, by showing clear pathways for involvement.

A. The course consists of nine lessons. Each lesson consists of:

1. Worship
2. A Devotional study on mission (PowerPoint)
3. An introduction to and prayer focus on a major bloc of unreached peoples. (DVD)
4. A review of the previous chapter. (PowerPoint)
5. Participation in a growth point group. (Group Sharing)
6. An introduction to the new chapter. (PowerPoint)
7. A teaching or inspirational video. (DVD)
8. Readings and worksheets which would be done at home or in the classroom during an 'intensive' course. This would require a minimum of 1½-2 hrs work/chapter.
9. In addition, there are several activities that help the participants focus on key issues that relate to cross-cultural ministry (cross-cultural communication and contextualized worship).

The **Kairos Course** requires 2 ½ hrs of classroom time, for each lesson, and 1½-2 hrs of homework. The introductions, reviews and devotions are presented using multi media (power-point).

Cost is \$100 and includes the Course fee, Participants materials, Snacks & Certificate.

The costs of food & transport are extra & are the responsibility of the participants

B. Participants Materials consist of:

1. The Kairos Course Reader
2. Prayer Focus Booklet
3. Folder & Worksheets

C. The Course looks at Four Areas of Mission Concern:

Biblical

1. God His Mission and His World

We will discover from the Bible, that Mission lies at the center of all God's concern.

- God – The Bible is the story of His Glory
- God's Mission – All Mission needs to be evaluated in light of the Bible & the Cross
- God's World – To engage His chosen people in His world-wide mission of mercy.

2. Israel, The Covenant People

We will study God's dealing with the nation of Israel in His desire to fulfill His purposes through them.

- Israel's Call – To bless and be God's priests to the nations of the world.
- Israel's Opportunity – God did everything for their fruitfulness and success.
- Israel's Response – On the whole negative – but God still outworked much of His missionary purpose through them.

3. The Messiah, the Message & the Messengers

We will see that God's concern for all nations is still His central purpose as we move into the New Testament.

- Jesus, Messiah for all peoples – Jesus, ministered to both Jews and Gentiles.
- A Message for all Peoples – Jesus' preaching on the Kingdom was for both Jew and Gentile.
- Messengers for all Peoples – The advance of the Church into intentional missions after Pentecost.

Historical

4 . Expansion of the World Christian Movement

We trace the advance of Christianity from its beginning to the present day

- The Expansion of the World Christian Movement from Acts to 1800AD
- The Three Eras of Protestant missions – 18th Century up till today
- From everywhere to everywhere – the Globalisation of missions

Strategic

5. Mission Strategy

We consider the place, value and nature of strategy in world Christian mission.

- The value of strategy in mission, combined with prayer and power.
- Church planting, Making Disciples, People movements and Church planting movements.
- Local churches and Mission agencies

6. The Task Remaining

We look at the mission task remaining, who and where the majority of the unreached are, and what methods should be used to reach them.

- The nations and cross-cultural evangelism – Understanding mission terms and the priority in missions.
- The challenges & opportunities in mission today
- The Workforce – both traditional & non-traditional missionaries

7. World Christian Teamwork

We look at the variety of exciting ways the whole church can and must get involved in accomplishing strategic world mission.

- Teaming Up with God – Becoming a World Christian and finding our role.
- Teaming Up Locally – Active Local Church involvement in missions
- Teaming Up Globally – Partnership worldwide to fulfill the Great Commission.

Cultural

8. Cross-Cultural Considerations

We address issues, in this chapter, on successful identification and other aspects of cross-cultural communication. We also look at aspects of church contextualization and its implications for missionary work.

Integration

9. We address the whole issue of Integration and what to do next in the lives of the believer.

KAIROS COURSE ENDORSEMENTS

I have been in ministry for 32 years and a missionary for 18 years. This course is one of the best I have come across. **Dr Charles Dewing, Seminary Lecturer, USA**

We run the course twice each year. It is a great tool to inspire, motivate and equip believers to reach out to the nations. **Pastor Peter Chen, Kenmore Baptist, Brisbane,**

"The Kairos course has assisted our congregation tremendously in our passion to be a Missional church. I would highly recommend it to any individual, church or Christian group who is interested in learning more about Missions, or even discerning their own calling and purpose in this world. Kairos accomplishes these things with great effectiveness and passion."

Pastor Andrew Chin, Wesley International Congregation. 220 Pitt St Sydney

The Kairos Course provides a foundation for thinking about mission theologically and practically. Utilising a mixture of video, lecture and small group strategies, the program helps participants appreciate the biblical basis, history and opportunities for Christian Global Mission. **Pastor Andrew Palmer State Director Global Interaction NSW/ACT**

The Kairos course is a tremendous focusing of the Biblical mandate to reach the world with the Good News. I urge every believer to do this course, it truly equips for service at multiple levels.

Pastor Tony Rae Grace Community Church Wamberal NSW

The Kairos Course is a now course for a now moment. It is my sincere conviction that every committed Christian should attend this course which is designed to bring perspective to the place of the Great Commission in our church life.

Gary Levens Senior Pastor Dayboro Community Church Brisbane

The Kairos Course is a great way to renew the enthusiasm and understanding of missions in our church. One of the missionaries we support is Geof and Marion Gunton who are involved in running Kairos courses in Spanish in Latin America. It was also good to experience what they are involved in.

Pastor Chris Gentle Cardiff Heights Baptist Church NSW

The Kairos Course powerfully promotes awareness of God's heart for the lost.

Philip Goh, National Ministry Leader, Campus Crusade for Christ Australia Int. Ministries

I highly recommend the Kairos course having seen how it transformed those who did it in our church. The Kairos course played a major role in forming a team who now offer English classes to migrants who are new to our area. With the number of migrants coming to Australia and our area increasing, we want to respond by welcoming, helping, and sharing the life changing message of Jesus with all people groups (nations).

Pastor Peter Shaw; Wyoming Church of Christ NSW.

The Kairos course is an excellent tool to educate, inspire and mobilize believers to missions engagement.

Brian Stark Church Missions Consultant International Teams Sydney

Kairos provokes people to really follow Scripture, to see historically the growth of Christianity and realise the strategic intent required to see Jesus return. The object of Kairos is to see attendees integrate all those things into their daily lives in whatever capacity the Lord has called them to. That happened in my life through Kairos twenty years ago. Kairos is a great mobilisation tool.

Pastor Daron Himstedt Crossway Baptist Church Melbourne VIC

Every local church should use this tool in preparing itself for active missions **Pastor Jack Geurin, New Zealand Apostolic Mission Director**

OPEN LETTER TO LEADERS

Dear Leader
Calvary Greetings

The Kairos course is bringing a **Reformation**. For too long **mission has been seen as an activity of the church rather than our identity**. The essence of the Church is **mission & movement** (Matt 28:18-20, John 20:21, Acts 1:8) however today the Church can be more focused on **maintenance and monuments**.

Kairos is a **Big Picture** course that brings us back to the reason the Church exists on the earth which is to see **Christ worshipped everywhere & by everybody** with particular emphasis on those people and peoples least reached with the gospel. Kairos seeks to lay a foundation on which **effective discipleship is built** as this in the ministry of all believers.

Kairos is bringing a **paradigm shift** in our worldview from a self orientated; “God loves me & has a wonderful plan for my life”; to a Christ centred “God has a wonderful plan and He loves me (& my church) to be part of it!”

As well as the Biblical dimensions of mission, Kairos has an emphasis on the Historical, Strategic & the Cultural dimensions of mission. Combined with **dynamic and interactive learning styles** I know you will not want to miss this

Even for people who have had a missional focus for years there will be much that will **refresh, re-envision & reignite the passion for His name among all people & peoples**.

The options are to attend a course we run or organise one at your own venue
I hope to see you in a course soon
Under the Great Commissioner



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