



*Kairos* mobilizes the local church to be on mission with God.

We do this by presenting the Kairos Course to all expressions of the Church worldwide in a professional and structured manner based on Kingdom values, so as to encourage the emergence of indigenous mission movements that can result in strategic and effective outreach to least reached peoples.

## Overview

The vision of the Kairos course is to be a spark for deeper discipleship within the local church, spilling out to the local and global community. It does this by immersing participants in a learning environment that challenges them to see themselves as not only 'blessed to enjoy God's goodness' but 'blessed to be a blessing to others.' Kairos provides a full sensory experience in 9 sessions including videos, small groups, readings, brief worksheets and special activities. (See details below) It is often provided in partnership with local churches.

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## Promotional videos

Two genres of videos are available, both are available in varying detail/length.

The Kairos Canada produced video which has a discipleship leaning: <https://vimeo.com/368176404> (length is 2:20; available in shorter lengths upon request)

The PAOC International Missions video produced at Segue 2019 in Abbotsford which has a missions leaning: <https://vimeo.com/377143905> (length is 1:00; 30 sec and 2 min available)

## What others are saying

*"Kairos is a **fun, interactive program** which uses many different teaching methods to expose the learning to the heartbeat of God for unreached people."* Heather Chaloner, Stouffville

*"A useful tool to raise awareness of the need to be on mission with God but also a tool to **relight the fire** of God in the hearts of God's people."* Corey Randell, Assistant District Superintendent, ABNWT District



*"**More than the information**, it's the whole experience of being together as a group, sharing, reflecting, devotions, was rich and a wonderful experience."* Sam Vijayaseenan, Missions & Prayer Pastor, Malvern Christian Assembly

## The Kairos Effect: A Report by Pastor Fred Penney (Elim, St. John's)

Emmanuel Community Church (Port Perry) hosted a Kairos course in 2015. 19 people registered. Here are some of the benefits we saw:

1. Kairos affirms people who are already missional and challenges people who are not aware of the missional focus of the gospel to think globally and appreciate the diversity of culture and cultural expressions of worship.
2. Kairos also provides a new vocabulary for people to think about the purpose of the church.
3. Kairos provides a deeper and more missional reading of scripture. This missional hermeneutic connects a foundational text like Genesis 12 to more commonly known passages like the great commission of Matthew 28, thereby demonstrating the missional heart of God as unfolded in scripture. Many believers have "aha" moments at this point in the course.
4. The Kairos course equipped a church member (Lana Crosbie) to tackle chairing our Missions Committee – and to do so with a theologically sound foundation.
5. Kairos so fired up another individual (Bob Brozina) – a relatively new believer to the point where he took leadership to organize and lead the "Contagious Christianity" evangelism course.
6. Kairos beautifully engages the local church with the global church. A year later our church partnered with several other churches to sponsor Syrian families. The Kairos course gave a missional awareness to that work which engaged much of our congregation. Further along our church offered a "Bridges" course – helping us understand how to reach out to Muslims with the gospel. The ripple effect of Kairos has been substantial.

## List of current courses in Canada

<http://kairoscourse.org/courses?nation=ca&x=40&y=14>

## Details on the course

### Introduction

KAIROS is a foundational course on world Christian mission. It brings out God's heart for all the nations of the world and His desire to use His people to be a blessing to them. KAIROS emphasizes the importance of ministering to cultures that still have few or no indigenous churches.

KAIROS is designed to educate, inspire and challenge Christians to meaningful participation in God's heart for all the nations. It is a tool God is using to help transform the worldview of believers, so they see themselves as having been blessed in order to be a blessing to all people groups.

### Format and Content

KAIROS is a nine-session course that covers four major areas:

- Biblical – We discover that mission lies at the center of God's concern and that an overriding theme throughout the whole Bible is God blessing His people to be a blessing to all people groups.
- Historical – God's mission purpose can be seen throughout history. We gain much from studying the past successes and failures of the church in the area of mission expansion.
- Strategic – We learn about strategy and key mission strategies that bear fruit in reaching unreached people groups in today's world. Every believer and church has a significant role to play.
- Cultural – Mission involves crossing cultures. We learn what culture is and see what it takes to communicate and make disciples in a culture different from our own.

KAIROS uses a variety of learning methods and activities such as:

- Devotional Teaching
- Prayer for Least Reached Peoples
- Introductions to Readings
- Video Teachings
- Readings
- Worksheets
- Small Group Interaction
- Special Cultural Activities

KAIROS can be conducted using several formats. The most common format is one evening a week for nine weeks. It can also be conducted over several weekends or as an intensive course over four and a half days.



“ Understanding God’s heartbeat has given me a greater love for him, compassion for the lost, zeal in service and power in prayer. (Businesswoman, Singapore)

## Steps to roll it out

1. Identify a few key churches or communities to roll out the course in 2020.
2. The Kairos team will bring in the course and facilitators.
3. The church and/or community will provide the venue and 12 confirmed participants.
4. The course can be rolled out in a one-week intensive or weekly classes.
5. Cost is \$99 per person, early enrollment.
6. Collaborate with your district executive and with Valerie to schedule a course.

## Interested?

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Figure 1: Kairos Abbotsford, June 2019