

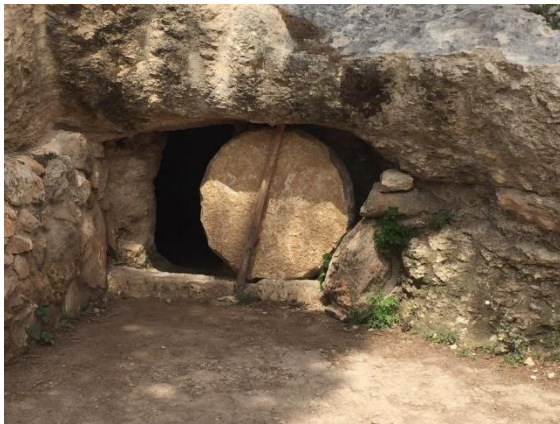
*Study Tour to Israel with SHIFTm2M*  
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A tour to equip leaders with movement building skills through a relational learning environment centred on the gospel accounts of Jesus' ministry, asking the leadership question, "What can we learn about movement building from the example of Jesus?"

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My trip to Israel was not a postcard trip, but a time to study and reflect on Jesus humanity and divinity.



We chronologically traced the footsteps of Jesus; how He ministered and how He developed His team for the Kingdom.

It was a journey of viewing historical evidence and experiencing spiritual depth with other leaders who are passionate in building disciples for the Kingdom. It was like reading the Bible in 4D.

### *Leadership*

Looking at Jesus' life and ministry is a model for all leaders to learn how he led; built a team and developed a movement.

There were distinct phases in Jesus' life to understand how He himself grew and then disciplined a core team.

*(Concepts from SHIFTm2M)*

#### *1. Preparation Period (About 30 years)*

##### *Practice What You Want To Be*

Jesus had a preparation period himself. He wasn't born and immediately talked, walked and lead others. He was a baby, a young boy. He probably cried as our children do when they are hurt; experienced loneliness, disappointments, sickness and anger. He grew up under the model of his parents; learnt trades and lived village life. It was a learning period for Jesus.

This is the humanity of Jesus who experienced all we go through in our sorrows, disappointments, joys and sickness. It was a time where Jesus grew and understood his MISSION, PURPOSE and PASSION.



## 2. Ministry Foundations

### *Connect*

This was a time where Jesus connected with people. His focus on prayer helped Him connect with people and build foundations into all those who followed Him.

## 3. Ministry Training

### *Build*

This is where Jesus starts to focus on a few of his followers to develop them into a ministry team. Jesus equips their heart, knowledge and skills.



## 4. Expanded Outreach

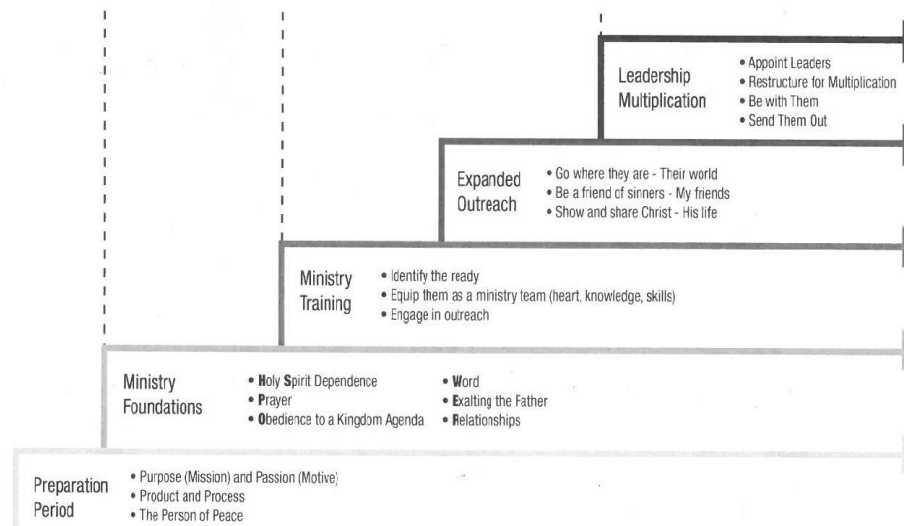
### *Train*

Jesus appoints 12 apostles after spending a night in prayer with His Father. Jesus continued to develop and train them.

## 5. Leadership Multiplication

### *Multiply*

Jesus continues to develop His leaders for multiplication and sends them out!!



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## Leadership

Throughout His time, Jesus is constantly modelling to his disciples how to lead:

- **Holy Spirit dependence.** This is the platform in which Jesus stepped into His ministry.
- Importance of **Prayer.** Jesus spent time with His Father to be able to minister.
- **Obedience** to a kingdom agenda not his own agenda. Jesus submitted to the Father's will. He could walk away from the task but always remained obedient.  
(Matt 26:36-56) It was an active choice to obey the Father's will.



- Importance of **the Word.** Jesus spent much time memorizing scripture.
- Importance of worship and **exaltation of the Father.**
- **The value of relationships** and relating to all those around Him. Jesus focused on developing people and lived what He wanted them to become. He models life to the disciples.
- **Dependence on community and working out of community.** Jesus needed his friends in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus said "I need you to pray with me. Stay here and keep watch." We too need our garden friends, those who pray for us and encourage us.
- **Total dependence on the Father** to do miracles. Jesus claims "By myself I can do nothing." (John 5:30)  
Jesus had the "God" card – but chose not to play it. He relied on God's power. Yet, Jesus never 'less' than God.
- **Knowing your priorities.** Jesus knew his **priorities.** Eg, John 5 – The Healing at the Pool of Bethesda. Jesus could heal everyone, but He chose only one. We too, can't minister to everyone; keep the main thing, the main thing.
- Know what is important and **don't worry about what others think.** Jesus is constantly **counter cultural.** Keep focused on Jesus and the Word, not on what is expected by society.
- Jesus **constantly stretches his disciples**, by challenging their perspective and the barriers they have (John 4 – Woman at the Well). He models 'become what you want to multiply' (Matthew 8:28-34 – The demoniac and the herd of pigs)
- Jesus is **intentional about teaching and modelling** to his disciples. He takes them into unknown territory (Gentile territory!) and models how to teach and preach the Word and go beyond their own world and what they know. Jesus not only **develops them for ministry, but to grow the ministry.** He trains them to start their own ministry.
- **Develop your leaders and send them out!!** Leaders should work to an active retirement.
- Movements aren't about things/movements, they are about PEOPLE!
- People's lives were often transformed, after an experience of Jesus' healing/ministries. Important to bring people to experience a God encounter and then connect them with Jesus.



- *John 17:1-26*

Note: Jesus' final teaching session to the apostles:

- i. PRAYER – ask in my name
- ii. LOVE – Love me and others
- iii. ABIDE IN ME and I will abide in you. My relationship with the Father is an example of how you are to abide in me.



### *Personal Reflections*

Jesus was fully God (*Philippians 2:6 - Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage*) yet fully man (*Hebrews 2:17 - For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people*). Jesus didn't cease to be human when He was on the cross. He lived life as a human and didn't use the 'God-card' to make life easier for himself. He was fully dependant on God but also upon those around him.

I love how Jesus was dependent on community and worked out of community.

The resources Jesus had available to Him are those that we have – the Word, prayer, the Father and community!

Jesus is our model in life and we must not underestimate what He can do for us.

I must maintain a lifestyle of listening to and responding to the Spirit. That will make all the difference in everything I do. In my own inadequacy, I trust Jesus to do His work in me and through me for the benefit of others and for the glory of His Kingdom!

Just walking in the dust of ordinariness where Jesus walked, has enlightened me of Jesus' humanity, his compassion and overwhelming love and grace for myself, in my ordinariness, weakness and sin.

I am so grateful for the opportunities He gives me and again commit myself to be a witness for Jesus in the context of education; to build leaders who understand the urgency and importance of Christian education in today's society and to be constantly available for His work here at St Andrews Christian College and throughout the world.

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## Itinerary

Δ = Modesty clothing required

Sat 28th April		<b>Arrive in Israel</b> <b>Transfer individually to Jerusalem (Gloria Hotel)</b>
Sun 29th April	Day 1	<b>Preparation Period (Gloria Hotel)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am intro team meeting at Gloria</li> <li>Wall Walk on Old City walls</li> <li>Israel museum - scale model of Jerusalem, Dead Sea Scrolls</li> <li>Lunch at Museum café</li> <li>Mount of Olives overview</li> </ul>
Mon 30th April	Day 2	<b>Preparation Period - Ministry Foundations (Gloria Hotel)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Herodium</li> <li>Church of Nativity Δ</li> <li>Lunch in Bethlehem</li> <li>Jordan River baptism site - Jesus' baptism</li> <li>Wadi Kelt hike to Jericho</li> </ul>
Tue 1st May	Day 3	<b>Dead Sea region (Gloria Hotel)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masada</li> <li>En Gedi</li> <li>Lunch at Kalia Beach Resort</li> <li>Dead Sea float at Kalia Beach</li> </ul>
Wed 2nd May	Day 4	<b>Ministry Foundations - Jerusalem (Gloria Hotel)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temple Mount Δ</li> <li>Pool of Bethesda Δ</li> <li>Western Wall Δ</li> <li>Lunch in Old City</li> <li>City of David, Hezekiah's tunnel, and Pool of Siloam</li> <li>Rabbinic tunnel in the evening Δ</li> </ul>
Thu 3rd May	Day 5	<b>Ministry Foundations - Galilee (Nof Ginossar)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early departure for Mt Gerizim</li> <li>Lunch at Nazareth Village</li> <li>Nazareth Village tour</li> <li>Nazareth precipice</li> </ul>
Fri 4th May	Day 6	<b>Ministry Training / Expanded Outreach - Galilee (Nof Ginossar)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bethsaida</li> <li>Korazin</li> <li>Capernaum Δ</li> <li>Lunch at seaside restaurant</li> <li>Church of Beatitudes</li> <li>Walk down Mount of Beatitudes</li> </ul>

Sat 5th May	Day 7	<b>Colliding Cultures - Galilee (Nof Ginossar)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mount Arbel</li> <li>Magdala Δ</li> <li>Lunch at Magdala roadside café</li> <li>Nof Ginossar - Jesus Boat</li> <li>Boat ride across Sea of Galilee</li> <li>Kursi - Demoniac</li> </ul>
Sun 6th May	Day 8	<b>Leadership Multiplication - Galilee (Nof Ginossar)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dan</li> <li>Caesarea Philippi</li> <li>Church of Primacy - John 21 Δ</li> </ul>
Mon 7th May	Day 9	<b>Leadership Multiplication - Jordan Valley (Gloria Hotel)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beth Shean</li> <li>Lunch at roadside café</li> <li>Jericho</li> </ul>
Tue 8th May	Day 10	<b>Jerusalem - Passion week (Gloria Hotel)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pater Noster (The Lord's Prayer) Church Δ</li> <li>Mount of Olives - Overview of Bethany and Bethpage</li> <li>Mount of Olives - Triumphal entry</li> <li>Dominus Fleuit (Jesus wept) Chapel Δ</li> <li>Rehearse Sunday through Tuesday events of Passion Week</li> <li>Lunch in Old City</li> <li>Yad Vashem holocaust memorial (Alternative options available)</li> </ul>
Wed 9th May	Day 11	<b>Jerusalem - Passion week (Gloria Hotel)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk to Upper Room</li> <li>Walk to Gethsemane Δ</li> <li>Caiaphas' house - St Peter in Gallicantu (cock's crow) Δ</li> <li>Lunch in Old City</li> <li>Wohl Museum</li> <li>Walk alternative Via Dolorosa from Jewish Quarter</li> <li>Church of the Holy Sepulcher Δ</li> </ul>
Thu 10th May	Day 12	<b>Jerusalem - Passion week (Gloria Hotel)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garden Tomb tour and communion</li> <li>Mount of Olives - Great Commission, ascension, second coming</li> <li>Southern Steps - Pentecost, birth of the Church</li> <li>Afternoon personal reflection time, journalling action points</li> <li>Free time</li> </ul>
Fri 11th May		<b>Depart for home</b>