



LAYING FOUNDATIONS

This manual has two chief objectives:

- To act as a resource to those attending the Laying Foundations course. It frees them to focus more on the teaching of the course and it supplements what they are not able to write down. Also, if a different speaker is handling the topic differently, the manual will provide a complementary perspective.
- To be a resource to Christians and churches elsewhere. This manual is just a sample taken at the present time: the course (choice of subjects, content of each talk, and speakers) is constantly changing.

We hope that this course and this manual will be a blessing to you.

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At Victory Church we are running this 5-week course on Laying Foundations

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A.1. Doctrine

We aim to give the new believer a firm foundation and to reinforce foundations for the mature believer by teaching on the foundational aspects of becoming and being a Christian.

The foundation includes the steps of conversion (being born again), water baptism and baptism in the Holy Spirit. Under “being a Christian” we include the basic elements of the Christian life in each of four following areas:

- Towards God: worship, prayer, fasting, the Bible and love.
- Towards the church (each other): community, relationships, accountability and leadership.
- Into the world: evangelism and service.
- Against the enemy: spiritual warfare.

A.2. Vision And Values

The course also serves as an introduction and orientation to Victory Church Cradock, in three ways:

- The teaching gives a general foundation and explains our doctrine and what we practice in each of these areas.
- The Vision and Values talk focuses specifically on our leadership structures, our attitude/culture and our vision, values, and ministries of this church.
- People get to know each of the elders and some of the other leaders as they take turns in teaching.