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Equipping a new generation of church planters.

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What is M4?

A training, coaching and assessing group equipping leaders to plant healthy multiplying churches.

Created by church planters for church planters, M4 provides the modern methods of leader development and relational support that young teams need.

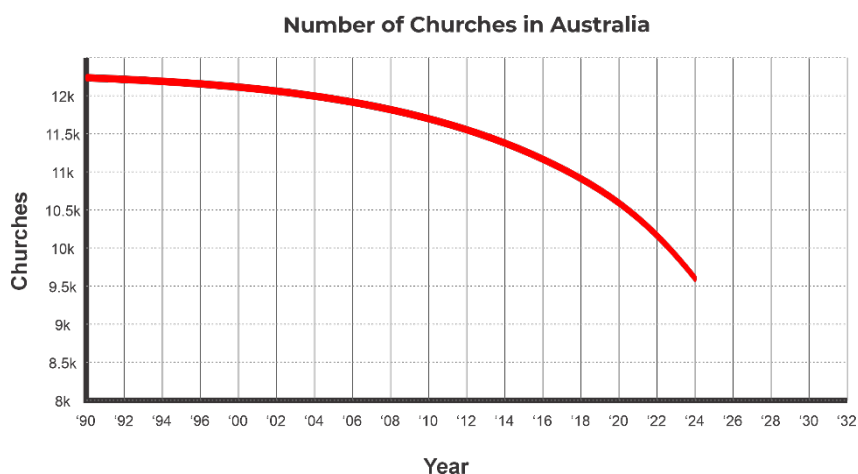
Powerful learning communities, experienced coaches, practical content and online learning combine to fuel a new generation of leaders as they look for innovative ways to create Christian communities.

Responding to the urgent need.

The number of Christian churches in Australia is declining at a rate of 5% each year. Many of the historical methods and forms of church are proving less effective.

Young and creative minds need permission and support to implement new forms of church life in the 21st century.

M4 integrates the timeless biblical elements for spreading the gospel in a new community with flexibility for teams to contextualise methods in the way God is leading them.



How is M4 different?

Team based. Multiplying. Missional.

Teams based. We equip planting teams to form, collaborate and activate their vision.

Online content. Teaching and testimony from active church planters, delivered where and when you need it.

Learning Communities. Teams gather four times over two years to bring

application to their learnings and assignments, producing specific goals for the next six months.

Coaching. Successful practitioners provide ongoing support and advice to planting teams.

Multiplication. Woven into the teaching and application is the ability to create a multiplying culture within the new plant.



Fuelling Denominations and Networks

M4 Australia works with existing movements to provide an equipping solution that ensures their planting teams retain the specific DNA of that denomination or network.

We can train coaches, assessors and facilitators from existing denominational staff, empowering them to provide the input when it is desired.

We are already working closely with state networks of A2A, Acts Global, ACC, Baptist, Lutheran, Churches of Christ, SDA, Anglican.

The Four M's

The Core of the Great Commission

Ensuring the fundamentals of Jesus' last command are our first priority.

Master

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

It is all about Jesus planting HIS church.

He told us to go into all the world demonstrating the gospel of His kingdom. This stage in the [M4 Team process](#) helps you clarify a biblical vision and model.

Mission

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations..."

Declaring and demonstrating the gospel to others.

Understanding the context into which we bring the gospel. This section also equips planters in how to engage local networks and create pathways for new people.

Multiplication

"Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Making disciples who make disciples.

Creating formation pathways to build healthy believers who go on to do the same.

Movement

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

God is with us as we continue to go, grow and adapt.

Building pathways of multiplying groups, leadership and church planting in the church.

M4 Team Process



Equipping the church planter and their team to succeed in the first years of church planting.

M4 Team is a two-year process where the planting team is equipped and coached through the first critical season of planting a church.

The team can plant their church at any time through the process.

Up to 10 people per team are included in the fee. Whilst the planter (and spouse) receives extra focus, team-members are included in the equipping and coaching. If a team-member drops out, another can take their place and catch up.

M4 Team Process



LC = 1 or 2 day learning community.

Assessment

The planter (and spouse) undergo a thorough assessment prior to commencing training. This is not a pass/fail evaluation, rather it provides honest and detailed feedback for the church planter on their experience in four main areas: calling, character, chemistry and competencies.

Learning Communities

Learning communities form a collaborative process where key people have the best conversations around the most important topics that will bring about the desired results.

Participants take the learnings gathered over the previous six months and apply them to the fulfillment of their God-given vision for their new church.

Online Learning

Consists of approximately 80 teaching sessions and interviews with experienced church planters on relevant church planting topics.

Participants are able to reflect on their own learnings and how that might apply to their context. The course is supplemented by a Journal with dynamic individual and team exercises.

Coaching

M4 Coaching is a one-to-one relationship between the church planter and their coach to help the church planter and their team move from where they are to where they believe God wants them to be by following the lead of the Spirit in making them more Christ-like.

The coach seeks to help the church planter be the most effective leader possible while helping make the church planting project as effective as possible.

Topic Flow

M1 – Master: *It is to be His church, His way.*

- Gospel of the Kingdom
- Biblical Foundations of a Team
- Vision and Model of a Church Plant
- Working Together: Values, Rules and Practices

M2 – Mission: *How to bring the kingdom gospel to a specific context.*

- The Gospel Core
- The Context of Mission
- Declaring the Gospel
- Demonstrating the Gospel

M3 – Multiplication: *Understanding how to make replicating disciples.*

- Cultivating Our Lives for Fruitful Discipleship
- Cultivating Discipleship in Today's Culture(s)
- Cultivating Our Discipleship Practices
- Honest Conversations about Discipleship

M4 – Movement: *Seeds of replication can be there from the start.*

- The Biblical Foundations for Growth & Multiplication
- Self-Care, Development & Multiplication
- Beginning with a Movement Mentality
- Faithfully Participating in the Mission of God

M4 Ready Recruitment

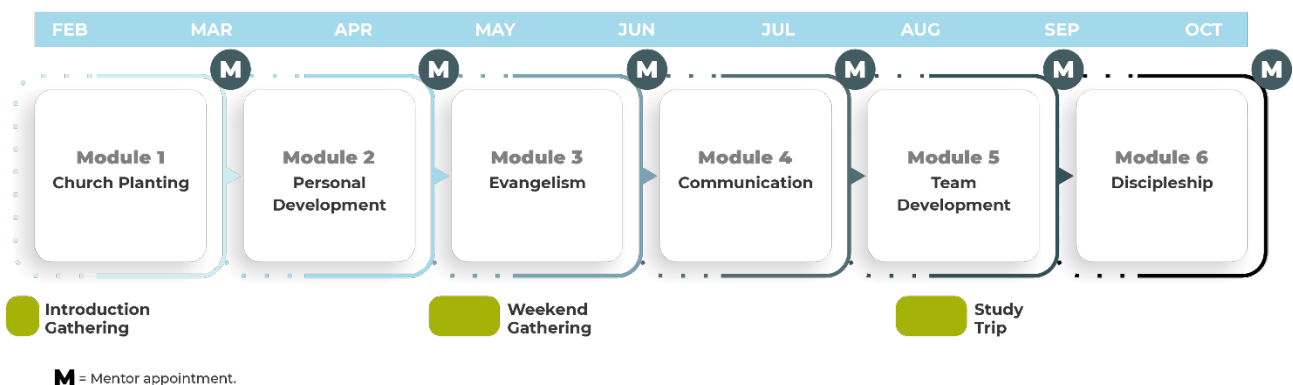


A recruitment funnel for identifying young people with potential to plant and lead Christian communities.

M4 Ready provides a 9-month development experience that provides participants with exposure to great leadership and church planting content. It helps them discern...

- If they have a passion and calling for church planting.
- If they could see themselves as part of a church planting team.
- If they can see themselves as a leader in a local church with a clear perspective on the importance of church planting.

M4 Ready



Who is it for?

M4 Ready is great for young potential leaders, especially those who have never previously considered planting a church. As they are exposed to the ideas and vision of planting, and the reality that they do it as a team, many become open to join in.

Online course

The course includes 6 modules (each 6 weeks) of content and assignments to be completed in local contexts. It is supplemented by the Participant's workbook which helps them to stay on track. Modules include:

1. **Church Planting:** Understanding the Process of Planting a New Church
2. **Personal Development:** Self-Mastery and a Resilient Lifestyle
3. **Evangelism:** Presenting the Gospel and Understanding the Context
4. **Communication:** Preaching and Teaching Biblically and Relevantly
5. **Team Development:** Building a Healthy and Well-Functioning Team
6. **Discipleship:** Creating a Discipleship Culture

Mentoring relationship

Mentors support and encourage participants throughout the learning process and keep them accountable for their progress.

Gatherings

Participants join with others from either their own movement or many to experience retreat weekends, a study trip and other gatherings. This forms friendships and growth opportunities that are unique and powerful.

Next Steps and FAQ

Church Planters & Teams

We can work with church planters directly to equip them and their team through the M4 Team process. These teams will join with others in the learning communities, and we will provide a coach and assessment process as part of the registration fee.

Denominations and Networks

M4 Australia works with existing state and national denominations to train their staff in how to facilitate, assess and coach their prospective church planting teams in the M4 process.

Denominations can choose to run their own learning communities or to join with other movements to broaden exposure to ideas.

M4 Australia has their own assessors, trainers and coaches available if movements are not prepared to fulfil those functions.

Costings

M4 Team process

\$2500 per year for two years*. Up to 10 per team included.

Includes access to content, 4 learning communities, assessment process and coaching.

* Denominations should contact us to confirm pricing structure that accommodate their staff and preferences.

M4 Ready

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What we do and don't provide

What we provide

- **Equipping** for planting teams, potential church planters, coaches and facilitators.
- **Coaching** for church planters and teams.
- **Facilitation** and training through our various courses.
- **Assessment** process for potential planters.

What we don't provide

- Theological qualification.
- Funding for church plants.

Donate to M4 Australia.

Our registration fees cover the costs to provide the M4 processes to participants. We seek donors to support the development of the M4 organisation to reach new states and nations, and to continually improve the content and delivery.

National Operations

We are seeking donations toward the funding of our growing national team. They conduct training and information days in various states. However, their primary role is to organise and equip teams in each state to run the M4 programs.

Contextualising Content

M4 relies heavily on its impacting content delivered online. We are seeking donations to fund the development of Australian versions of M4 Team & M4 Ready, and develop a world-class online learning system. This cost includes the shooting and production of around 200 videos and travelling to each state to record interviews with our nation's best church planters.

Paying Forward

Donors and denominations can match the registration fee of planting teams, helping to fund more M4 activity by fuelling what is proving successful.

How to donate

We can meet with donors directly or online to discuss the detail of M4 Australia Ltd. goals and vision. We welcome donations large and small via our website or direct deposit.

Got further questions? Talk to our Executive Director Patrick Hegarty at patrick@m4australia.org



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