

BECOMING A FLOURISHING CHURCH

Churches often overly focus on their need to become vibrant congregations, yet neglect their overall vitality of the congregation and the personal discipleship of their leaders. The premise of the Flourish resource materials is that flourishing churches are led by flourishing leaders who are flourishing disciples.

Becoming a Flourishing Church focuses on discipleship, diagnosis, and discernment. It helps elders and other church leaders to first focus on their individual growth as disciples. This resource also teaches the 6 Flourishing Church Measures and asks leaders to identify where their own church's strengths and weaknesses are found. We encourage our churches to engage with this resource on an annual basis as part of a wider church health assessment process.

An ECO-appointed liaison will help leadership teams uncover how God is calling them to specifically grow and move forward in ministry. This will help churches to refocus their energy, health, and vitality. Together, they will write a simple plan for Becoming a Flourishing Church.

Our hope is that this resource will give you greater direction, clarity, and purpose in your role as leaders in your church. It is our prayer that as you meaningfully engage with the material, you will experience growth in your own discipleship and spiritual maturity, in addition to having a greater sense of your individual call and role as a leader. As you engage with this material collectively, as a body of believers, we pray you will have a deeper understanding of how your church can grow and move forward.

What are the 6 Flourishing Church Measures:

- 1. Knows its unique identity & calling
- 2. Normalizes risk taking
- 3. Nurtures missional living
- 4. Expects disciple-making
- 5. Generates multiplying leaders
- 6. Prepares to launch



This process includes 6 sessions:



- Define what it means to be a flourishing church
- Discover your own health as a disciple of Jesus
- Develop an individual discipleship plan for continued growth
- Discuss the 5-fold gifting of Ephesians 4
- Use the online Church Health Assessment to discern and assess congregational vitality in 6 specific areas
- Decide where to focus energy & write a BAFC simple plan

Participants 🕿

The BAFC material is designed for current elders, however, other groups within the church, such as deacons, staff, or ministry teams, could benefit greatly from engaging in the process.

Duration ()

The 6 meetings can be held once a month, for a 6-month course, or you can move through the material more quickly by meeting every few weeks. This resource is meant to be utilized on an annual basis. After you complete the course initially, you will revisit this resource annually and complete the Health Checkup.

Cost **1**

The course, including your ECO-appointed liaison, is FREE for all ECO Churches.

How to Get Started



To enroll in the course, visit flourishmovement.org or scan the QR code

