



FINDING YOUR DESTINY  
**growth track**

# STEP ONE: KNOW GOD

- The Foursquare Denomination
- About Destiny Foursquare Church
- How to become a Christ Follower
- How to have a genuine relationship with God
- The importance of water baptism

The Finding Your Destiny Growth Track guides you to discover your redemptive purpose and live the life God created for you.

## **THE GROWTH TRACK IS MADE UP OF THREE STEPS:**

### **stepONE – Know God**

*Find out what it means to be a follower of Jesus. In addition, explore the mission, identity, and heartbeat of Foursquare and Destiny Foursquare Church.*

*Step One takes place the second Sunday of every month.*

*“...that you may know Him better (personally).” Ephesians 1:17-18*

### **stepTWO – Get Connected**

*This session is about getting connected through small groups and classes, our various communication methods (how to connect with what’s happening at Destiny), and sharing Christ with others.*

*Step Two takes place the third Sunday of every month.*

*“...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:25*

### **stepTHREE – Discover Purpose**

*Dive into the details of your personality, discover your gifts, and see how your design reveals your purpose in life and your best fit in ministry. Connect to the opportunities available at Destiny to live out your purpose and serve others by using your God-given gifts.*

*Step Three takes place the fourth Sunday of every month.*

*“...that you may know the hope to which He has called you.” Ephesians 1:17-18*

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## **Develop Your Leadership (optional)**

*Find out what it means to be a leader at Destiny and learn how you can strengthen your character and gifting to fulfill your leadership potential.*

*Step Four will be online and will be made available for online viewing when it’s ready.*

# THE DESTINY STORY

Pastors Brent and Tani Parker, the founding pastors of Destiny, dreamed of planting a church with a simple goal—to help people connect with God so that they might reach their full potential. At the prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Parkers moved to Rapid City, SD, and 23 people in a basement committed to seeing this dream become a reality on March 3, 1998. At just three weeks in, Destiny doubled as 50 people met in a small (very small) motel meeting room. In October 1998, Destiny became a charter Foursquare church, with 48 members joining.

The life-giving message of the Gospel, the passion and joy of Sunday services, the next-level, no-holds-barred worship, and the simple style of leadership at Destiny brought immediate growth.

Today, Destiny has planted two sister churches – one in Rapid City and the other in Eagle Butte. We want everyone to see how exciting church can be when the focus is on Jesus and people are free to seek God with passion.

## THE FOURSQUARE CHURCH

### What Does “Foursquare” Mean?

Our name reflects the unchanging ministry of Jesus Christ and our mission to declare it worldwide. The four squares of our logo represent the four scriptural roles of Jesus as Savior, Baptizer With the Holy Spirit, Healer and Soon-Coming King.

### What Makes Foursquare Different?

Being a global church that spans hundreds of cultures requires flexibility in style and approach. But every Foursquare church around the world agrees on six foundational principles: kingdom partnerships, sound doctrine, empowering leadership, family relationships, Spirit empowerment and shared mission. These are called our Global Distinctives. It’s what makes us, us.

## OUR MISSION / Why we exist

The purpose of our church is summarized in a single sentence based on several key scriptures.

***Helping the spiritually hungry experience God and discover purpose and destiny through free and open worship, Biblical training, and release into personal ministry.***

### The Heading / Our ministry target

**“Helping the spiritually hungry experience God” (Psalm 107:35-36 NIV)**

- We believe that people are hungry for God.
- We are not here to experience an experience. We are here to experience the living God!

**“And discover purpose and destiny”**

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 NIV*

- Every person has a purpose.

### The Highway / Our method for hitting the ministry target

## “Through free and open worship” (John 4:23 NIV)

- The Father is seeking worshippers.
- God manifests Himself in the midst of a people who will worship Him.

## “Biblical training”

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...*  
**2 Timothy 3:16 NIV**

*Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.* **2 Timothy 4:2 NIV**

*For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.* **Hebrews 4:12 NIV**

- The Bible, interpreted from a New Covenant perspective, is our foundation.
- Preaching the rightly divided Word will always be a priority at Destiny.
- We value hands-on ministry training.

## “And release into personal ministry”

*It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.*  
**Ephesians 4:11-12 NIV**

*For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].*  
**Ephesians 2:10 AMP**

- Every member is in full-time ministry.
- Every task is important.

# OUR CORE VALUES

This is what makes us pound the table!

## Manifest Presence of God

- We believe that as we offer God wholehearted worship, He makes His presence known in a tangible way.
- We believe the gifts of the Spirit listed in **1 Corinthians 12** are tools God will use to manifest His presence to and through His people.

## Prayer

- We believe that, “Prayer is not preparation for the battle...prayer is the battle.”
- We believe that prayer is a two-way conversation, and we can expect God to speak to us corporately and privately, in agreement with His Word.

## Evangelism

- We believe we have a responsibility to reach the unchurched in our community and surrounding region through outreach.
- We believe we have a responsibility to reach other nations through short-term mission trips and financial support of international missionaries.

## Restored Lives

- We believe the hurting can be healed and become healers through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- We believe we are to restore others, so that they might restore others.

### Unity of Believers

- We believe in being involved with the greater Body of Christ for the purpose of reaching the lost.
- We believe we are blessed as we take the position of servants to our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

### Church Planting

- We believe church planting is an important part of fulfilling the Great Commission.
- We believe God has called us to plant churches regionally, nationally, and internationally as He directs.

### Excellence

- We believe that God deserves our best (not perfection) in everything we put our hands to.
- We believe in being Spirit-led, without neglecting excellence.

## OUR FAITH STATEMENT / What We Believe

Please see our attached statements of faith on the last pages of this booklet.

- In essential beliefs we have \_\_\_\_\_.
- In non-essential beliefs we have \_\_\_\_\_.
- In all our beliefs we show \_\_\_\_\_.

## FINDING GOD AT DESTINY

We consider reaching people who do not know God personally to be one of our greatest responsibilities. Our Sunday services are for people at all stages in their spiritual journey, but will always be desired in a way to engage those who do not yet have a genuine relationship with God.

### Our Sunday services focus on four values:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

We believe church should be enjoyable.

*“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord.’” Psalm 122:1 NKJV*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

We believe that people are hungry for God and that church should be a place where they experience God’s presence. We are not here to experience an experience, but to experience God!

*“He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs; there He brought the hungry to love, and they founded a city where they could settle.” Psalm 107:35-36 NIV*

We desire to be a house of free and open worship.

*“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.” John 4:23 NIV*

3. \_\_\_\_\_

We believe church should be a place where people learn how the Bible applies to their daily lives.

*“So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”* **Ephesians 4:11–12**

**4.** \_\_\_\_\_

We believe church should be a place where people can accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

*“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?”* **Romans 10:13–14 NLT**

# KNOWING GOD

Sin separates us from God. It causes us to fear God and to live our lives outside of our true purpose.

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23*

*“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23*

*“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8*

God the Father sent His Son Jesus to break the power of sin and death by dying on the Cross in our place and for our sin. He took the initiative. Now we are invited to accept what He has done for us.

## HOW TO BECOME A CHRIST-FOLLOWER

1. \_\_\_\_\_ that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

*“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”  
1 John 1:9*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus died to pay for your sins, that He rose from the dead, and is alive today.

*“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.” Romans 10:9-10*

*“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ God’s free gift of salvation. Don’t try to earn it.

*“For it is by grace you are saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9*

Your relationship with God is not restored by anything you do, but on the basis of what Jesus has already done for you!

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to come in and surrender your life to Him.

*“To all who received Him, He gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust Him to save them. All those who believe this are reborn! — not a physical rebirth resulting from human passion or plan — but from the will of God.” John 1:12-13*

**You can take these steps by praying a simple prayer of commitment to God:**

*“Jesus, thank You for creating me and for loving me, even when I’ve ignored You and gone my own way. I realize that I need You in my life and I am sorry for my sins. I ask You to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the Cross for me. I want to follow You from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept Your free gift of salvation. Please help me grow as a follower of You.”*



# HOW TO HAVE A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

From the very beginning of time, God has given humanity a choice of whether they would live in relationship with Him. It is illustrated in the story of the two trees in the Garden of Eden:

*“Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”* **Genesis 2:8-9**

*“And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’”*  
**Genesis 2:16-17**

## THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Real Christianity is about \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

## WATER BAPTISM

We practice baptism by immersion in water, which is the way Jesus was baptized and the way the Bible describes in scripture:

*“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, He saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove.”* **Mark 1:9-10**

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”* **Matthew 28:19**

1. Following the \_\_\_\_\_ set by Christ.
2. Demonstrating your \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Declaring your commitment \_\_\_\_\_.

**Water baptism declares \_\_\_\_\_ what has happened \_\_\_\_\_.**

# STEP 1: NEXT STEPS

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## 1. GIVE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS

You can use the salvation prayer on page 8 as a guide.

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## 2. DECLARE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS PUBLICLY

Water baptism is an important next step after salvation.

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## 3. JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Learn more in Step Two of the Finding Your Destiny Growth Track

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## 4. COMPLETE ALL STEPS OF THE GROWTH TRACK

Step One - KNOW GOD  
Step Two - GET CONNECTED  
Step Three - DISCOVER PURPOSE

# STATEMENTS OF FAITH

## **THE HOLY SCRIPTURE**

We believe the Bible is God-inspired. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

## **THE ETERNAL GODHEAD**

We believe God is Triune: Father Son and Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

## **THE FALL OF MAN**

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that by voluntary disobedience he fell from perfection. (Romans 5:12)

## **THE PLAN OF SALVATION**

We believe that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, signing the pardon of all who believe on Him. (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)

## **SALVATION THROUGH GRACE**

We believe that we have no righteousness and must come to God pleading the righteousness of Christ. (Ephesians 2:8)

## **REPENTANCE AND ACCEPTANCE**

We believe that upon sincere repentance, and a whole-hearted acceptance of Christ, we are justified before God. (1 John 1:9)

## **THE NEW BIRTH**

We believe that the change which takes place in the heart and life at conversion is a very real one. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20)

## **DAILY CHRISTIAN LIFE**

We believe that it is the will of God that we be sanctified daily, growing constantly in the faith. (Hebrews 6:1)

## **BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We believe that baptism by immersion is an outward sign of an inward work. (Matthew 28:19) We believe in the commemoration of the Lord's Supper by the symbolic use of the bread and juice of the vine. (1 Corinthians 11:24,25)

## **BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to endue the believer with power; and that His coming is after the same manner as in Bible days. (Acts 1:8; 2:4)

## **THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE**

We believe that it is the will of God that we walk in the Spirit daily. (Ephesians 4:30-32)

## **THE GIFTS AND FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

We believe that the Holy Spirit has gifts to bestow upon the Christian; and that we should show spiritual fruit as evidence of a Spirit-filled life. (1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Galatians 5:22)

## **MODERATION**

We believe that the experience and daily walk of the believer should never lead him into extremes of fanaticisms. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

## **DIVINE HEALING**

We believe that divine healing is the power of Christ to heal the sick in answer to the prayer of faith. (James 5:14-16)

## **THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**

We believe that the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent. (1 Thessalonians 4:16,17)

**CHURCH RELATIONSHIP**

We believe it is our sacred duty to identify ourselves with the visible church of Christ. (Acts 16:5; Hebrews 10:25)

**CIVIL GOVERNMENT**

We believe that rulers should be upheld at all times except in things opposed to the will of God. (Romans 13:1-5)

**THE FINAL JUDGEMENT**

We believe that all shall stand some day before the judgment seat of God; and there receive eternal life or death. (2 Corinthians 5:10)

**HEAVEN**

We believe that heaven is the glorious eternal home of born-again believers. (John 14:1-3; Revelation 7:15-17)

**HELL**

We believe that hell is the place of eternal torment for all who reject Christ as the Savior. (Revelation 20:10,15)

**EVANGELISM**

We believe that soul winning is the most important responsibility of the Church. (James 5:20)

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

We believe that the method ordained of God for the support and spread of His cause is by giving of tithes and free-will offerings. (2 Corinthians 9:7)