

Welcome to Freedom!  
We are honoured that you have chosen to  
make Freedom Centre your home.



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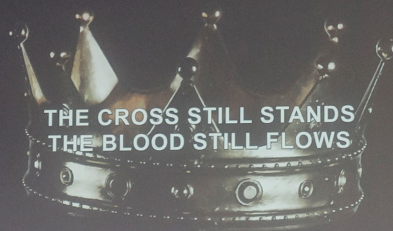




# Welcome to Freedom

Freedom Centre New Zealand was established in 2012, out of the Freedom Centre Melbourne location. It began as a gathering in a small room at the Tauranga Racecourse.

In 2013, Adem and Grace came to New Zealand from Melbourne, Australia originally to start a ministry school at the small church plant, by the end of the year they were appointed the pastors of Freedom Centre Tauranga and have witnessed the church go from strength to strength. The church has not only grown in numbers, but also in testimonies of God's transformational power. Freedom Centre is unapologetically a presence driver church where people encounter God.





Freedom Centre now gathers in, Tauranga and Christchurch, as well as having watch parties in multiple places around New Zealand. With an increasing number of Small Groups and our thriving Freedom School of Ministry we are seeing God do incredible things across the ministry. All of this is built on our vision - Encounter, Equip, Release.

Freedom Centre NZ is part of the Freedom Ministries International family — a global network of churches, schools, hospitals, clinics, and Bible colleges across Australia, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, the Solomon Islands, and Rwanda.

At Freedom, our heart is to see people across New Zealand and the nations encounter the living God, be equipped to walk in His truth and power, and released to bringing freedom and breakthrough wherever they go. We believe revival is not just coming — it's here, and we are honoured to play our part in what God is doing in this generation.





# Our Vision

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## Encounter

We believe everyone from every generation needs an encounter with Jesus. We need the presence of the Lord that brings us into life changing encounters with Jesus. When we meet with Him our lives are transformed by God in a supernatural way. We as a church want to facilitate public encounters with Jesus however we can.

## Equip

We want everyone in the church to be equipped with the knowledge of Christ and how to use their giftings. We not only want to teach and grow your relationship with Jesus, we want to help you be equipped and raised up into all God has created you to be. Practically we facilitate this through; Equip Nights, New Believers ministry, the Essentials course, Freedom School of Ministry and Fortnightly Small Groups.

## Release

Our heart and greatest passion is to bring people in a place of encounter, equip them for the work of the ministry and release them to serve God. Being released might look like serving on a team, building business, ministering in your workplace, church planting or even raising a family. We have all been created with God-given purpose and we want to champion each person at Freedom Centre to step into theirs!

# Our Values

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## **Presence: Our Pursuit**

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## **Family: Our Function**

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## **Discipleship: Our Mandate**

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# Governance

At Freedom Centre, we believe that healthy governance is essential for a healthy church. We are committed to godly oversight that is grounded in Scripture, led by prayer, and accountable to one another. Our governance structure is designed to safeguard integrity, ensure wise stewardship of resources, and keep the mission of Jesus at the centre of all we do. Through transparency, accountability, and Spirit-led discernment, we seek to honour God and faithfully serve His people.

## Board of Trustees



Adem Guneyi



Peter Thomas



Luka Robertson



Grace Guneyi



Greg de Laborde

## Senior Pastors



Ps Adem & Grace Guneyi

## Tauranga Five Fold Team

Adem Guneyi, Grace Guneyi, Jacques Roux, Pierre Awad, Hannah Jones  
Greg de Laborde, Michelle de Laborde, Joanna Awad, Keith Jones





# Next Steps

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We are so glad you've made Freedom Centre home, here is how you become a contributing member.

**1. Pray**

**2. Join the Dream Team**

**3. Join a Small Group**

**4. Give**





# 1. Pray

Mark 11:24 - Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

There is so much power in praying for your church! Pray for everyone who calls Freedom Centre home. Pray for our leaders, pastors and the teams who build the kingdom. Pray for our ministry school, our next gen: kids, intermediates, youth and young adults. Pray for other locations and our online community. Pray for revival, miracles, for provision and for God to continue to move amongst us! Let us continue to be a praying church.

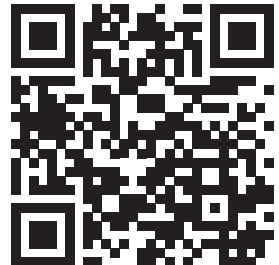


# 2. Join the Dream Team

Church is not for spectators, it is a place where you are invited to get involved!

Whether you are a 5 year old child, a 65 year old grandmother, a student, or a business person with big responsibilities, we want to invite you to be a part of building the kingdom of God with us.

We believe God has put gifts and skills in your hand that can be used to serve Him and serve others!



# Sunday Teams

## A Team

Prepare a clean, safe and excellent environment for guests before a gathering/event.

## Carpark

Eagerly and happily engage with guests with great first impressions by ensuring a seamless and welcoming carpark experience for all.

## Connect

Connect with new guests and families who come to our Sunday gatherings.

## Photography & Media

Capture what God is doing in the room. Partner with our creative team with sharing the gospel and what God is doing through photography and videography.

## Hospitality

To create an atmosphere for community and connection, where God-breathed relationships flourish.

## Intermediates

Engage with the 12-13 year olds of our house, gathering on Sundays after worship and events throughout the school term.

## Kids

Raise a generation of world-changers through our Kids ministry (ages 1-12). Lead our kids through weekly teachings, worship, games and small groups. We are all about loving Jesus, loving others and having fun.

## New Believers

Connect and walk with people who recently put their faith in Jesus. Get people saved, baptised, filled with the Holy Spirit & connected into the life of Freedom Centre.



## **Prayer**

Minister the power and the grace of God to every person that needs prayer in our house.

## **Production**

Create an excellent, distraction free audio/visual experience where people can encounter Jesus, both in the room and online.

## **Welcome Team**

Create a welcoming environment for all guests to enter in by representing the Father well, extravagantly welcoming every guest.

## **Worship**

Uses music to help create a worshipful environment to usher in the presence and glory of the Lord and create space for people to encounter Jesus.

# Mid-Week Teams

## Design & Communications

Join us in telling the story in a creative way, of how Jesus is working in and through our house. There are many ways this is done - through our design, emails, social media and more.

## Events

Help prepare spaces during for moments of encounter and equipping. From special events to big celebrations, this team creates spaces where people can encounter, equip and be released

## Small Groups

Small Groups are fortnightly gatherings of people from our house for the purpose of studying the word, Sunday messages and doing life together. Leading a group is primarily about hosting and facilitating conversations.

## Young Adults

Walk alongside the 18-30 year olds of our house. We gather together fortnightly in large and small group settings.

## Youth

Invest in the next generation (year 9-13) with us as we meet weekly for worship, teaching, games and more.







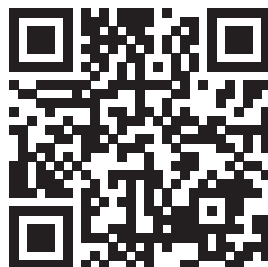


# 3. Join a Small Group

Acts 2:46 - Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.

Small Groups are where we get discipled, make real connections and do life together.

We are not a church **with** small groups, we are a church **of** small groups. Small groups and our amazing small group leaders facilitate the primary aspect of pastoral care here at Freedom. These groups allow us to be a deeply connected family of believers never living life alone, but knowing that we are better together. Small groups create space for spiritual growth, relationships and shepherding. They are essential to what we do and we are blessed and grateful to have so many incredible small group leaders and amazing small groups.



# 4. Give

At Freedom Centre, we believe in the principle of tithing.

We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the biblical standard for giving, and we practice tithing for the support of Christ's body, the Church, as God commands.

“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” Malachi 3:10 NIV

Giving is one of the central themes in the Bible. Jesus talked more about this subject than Heaven, hell, or prayer. To understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus, we must also understand what it means to be a giver.



# **i. Tithe**

The tithe, or “first fruits,” of our labor/income belong to God. We find this principle all through God’s Word. Tithing, giving God the first 10% of our income to the local church, is the primary practical way we acknowledge that God is first in our lives (Proverbs 3:9-10).

# **ii. Offerings**

An offering is giving over and above the tithe. The Bible says that by giving generously, we are able to “take hold of the life that is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:18-19 NIV).

# **iii. The Gift of Giving**

The gift of giving is a spiritual gift that God gives to some people (Romans 12:8). It is a Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by giving of your material resources, above and beyond the tithe, to further the work of God. Those who want to use their gift of giving to help accelerate the vision of Freedom Centre serve as part of Vision Builders. Many people love to give to God and want to feel confident in the organisation through which they give.

At Freedom, we want people to understand they are giving to God through the church, not to the church. As we openly share the honesty, integrity, and spiritual values that guide the financial practices of Freedom, we believe people can focus on what God is calling them to give and trust that He is leading our church to steward it well.

The giving of tithes and offerings is worship to Jesus. Giving is not considered a business transaction but an act of worship and an expression of gratitude to God.

