



# Orientation Pack



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***Oversight: Steve Hutana of Te Aitanga a Hauiti Tribe, Ps. Paul Wihongi of Ngapuhi Tribe.***  
***Rangatira - Lecturers: Ps. Paul Wihongi, Gloria Whyte (Principal), Deana Lye of Ngapuhi Tribe***  
***Lupetea Wynn (Vice Principal)***

Tena koutou katoa – Aloha, Shalom,  
**Greetings Tree of Life Students!**  
Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of Maori Initiatives Trust NZ – Tree of Life Institute, we are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to each of you as we prepare to embark on this transformative kingdom journey of Biblical learning and application together.

My name is Gloria Whyte, our team is honoured to serve as your Tree of Life tutors and mentors. We are excited to welcome you to our inaugural class.

#### **Pōwhiri of Welcome for Tree of Life Students**

Tree of Life Institute (TOLi) invites all students and friends to Melchizedek Marae for a traditional Maori tribal welcome and course orientation:

Saturday 8am April 5<sup>th</sup> EAT  
on Clubhouse app via your mobile phone.  
(Please start gathering on clubhouse from 7:30am).

We want to share with you the exciting details of our upcoming 12-week Wananga Journey. Join the Melchizedek Marae via the QR Code below.



The TOLi Wananga - classes will gather every Saturday morning from 9:00 - 10:30 PM –(EAT), creating a sacred space for communal learning, spiritual and entrepreneurial growth through Biblical teaching, personal testimony, group discussion with practical application and shared reflection.

### Course Structure and Details:

- Duration: 12 weeks beginning April 12th, 2025
- Weekly Class Times: **Fridays, 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM – (EAT)**
- Format: Online classroom sessions via Zoom (Refer to Facebook Group or emailed link or your class representative to access)
- Modules: Three distinct modules each explore multiple facets of Kingdom Living.
- Focus: Teaching and reflection on Biblical principles as demonstrated and taught by Jesus Christ and practiced by His Apostles.

### Learning Environment:

- All classes will be conducted in our Maori Initiatives Tree of Life Zoom Meeting
- An access link will be provided to each registered student via return email upon registration.
- Our Tree of Life Library Hub resources are available online through the Facebook Hub
- Students will have full access to Tree of Life course materials, readings, and study guides.

### Course Requirements:

- Regular attendance at all Saturday sessions is required in order to pass each of the 3 modules.
- Active participation is encouraged in all Wananga class discussions.
- Weekly note-taking during classes is encouraged along with personal written reflections.
- Completion of all assigned tasks, readings and action points is required.
- Submission via uploading to Teams of required application-based assignment.

### What to Expect:

- Interactive teaching sessions combining biblical instruction with practical application
- Opportunities for questions and discussion
- Personalised support throughout your learning journey
- Access to our growing digital library resources
- Community building opportunities with fellow students

### Technical Requirements:

- Reliable internet connection
- Computer or tablet with webcam and microphone
- Facebook Account to Join the Tree of Life Institute Hub ( <https://www.facebook.com/groups/treeoflifehub> )
- Microsoft Teams account (instructions provided upon registration)
- Access to Microsoft SharePoint for resource materials

### Module Lessons Overview

Our 12-week journey is structured into three thematic modules, each representing a stage in the kingdom living process. Each module builds upon the previous one, creating a progressive path of spiritual growth and understanding.



# THE SEEDLING PHASE PRAYER

«Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Matt.13:8»



## Module 1: Discovery - Ask

Lessons 1-4 explore the foundational principles of kingdom living through the metaphor of growth:

- Lesson 1: The Sower - Understanding divine initiative
- Lesson 2: The Seed - Recognising spiritual potential
- Lesson 3: The Soil - Preparing receptive hearts
- Lesson 4: The Seedling - Nurturing early growth



# THE GROWTH DISCIPLESHIP PHASE

«But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 1 Peter 2:9»



## Module 2: Development - Seek

Lessons 5-8 examine the process of spiritual maturation:

- Lesson 5: The Juvenile - Early stages of spiritual growth
- Lesson 6: The Maturity - Deepening roots of faith
- Lesson 7: The Fruit - Producing spiritual fruit
- Lesson 8: The Harvest - Reaping what has been sown



# THE MATURITY PHASE KINGDOM LIVING

«if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chron. 7:14»



## Module 3: DesAny - Knock

Lessons 9-12 culminate in the realisation of Kingdom purpose:

- Lesson 9: The Festival - Celebrating spiritual abundance
- Lesson 10: The Orchard - Cultivating collective impact
- Lesson 11: The Grove - Establishing spiritual community
- Lesson 12: The Forest - Realising expansive Apostolic influence

The Tree of Life, Kingdom Living twelve weeks lessons form a cohesive journey from initial discovery through development to ultimate destiny, mirroring the pattern seen in Jesus' teachings and the apostolic ministry. Each lesson builds upon the previous ones, creating a comprehensive framework for understanding and practicing kingdom living from the first faith seed to the Forrest of the Great commission!

We are excited to share this journey of spiritual growth and academic excellence with each of you. Our focus will be on both understanding biblical principles and applying them practically in our daily lives. Together, we will explore how Jesus demonstrated Kingdom Living and how His Apostles continued this practice after Him.

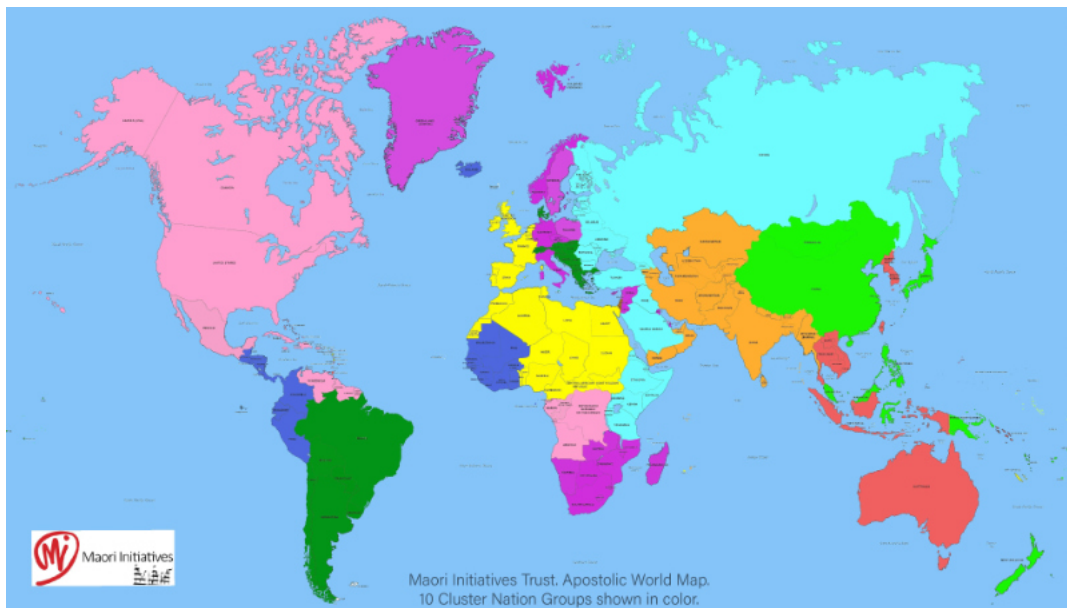
Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting you all at the Pōwhiri as we begin this transformative journey!

May God bless our time of learning and growth together.

Nga mihi nui - Warm regards,

**Gloria Whyte**

Kaihautu Lecturer - **The Tree of Life Institute**



Maori Initiatives will be taking applications for ASK internship opportunities by invitation to those who have completed the Tree of Life 12 week Wananga on Kingdom Transformational Leadership. To submit your application for consideration register at [askofhim.com/be-involved](http://askofhim.com/be-involved) (select "Apply to ASK Internship" from the ministry checkbox list).



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