A GUIDE FOR CHURCHES

First Steps with Igniting Grace

I am glad that you want to use Igniting Grace in your church. Our desire is for people to get to know the Holy Spirit better and to apply what they learn in prayer, in their relationships with one another and in ministry. This guide will help you get started and run Igniting Grace with your own team.

> **Our goal**
> We want to support you in training your team members for Igniting Grace. To get started, we recommend a trainer. You lead the meetings with your own team. You decide which format and rhythm suit your church.

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Igniting Grace

Your path at a glance

1. Register your church as a partner. You receive the materials for running the programme free of charge.
2. Each participant purchases a personal licence for their own workbooks.
3. Put together a team to lead the meetings locally.
4. To get started, we recommend a trainer from our team.
5. Begin with Module 1 and Module 2. After that, you are free to choose the topics on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
6. Set your own dates, rhythm and format.

The first two modules

Module 1 “Introduction to the Holy Spirit”. Start with this module. It is about the person of the Holy Spirit and how He works in our lives.

Module 2 “Relating to People Spiritually”. Take this module next. You will learn to listen attentively to people, to weigh spiritual impressions carefully and to serve others responsibly.

These two modules form the basis. After that, you can work through the topics on the gifts of the Holy Spirit in whatever order suits your group or church.

Your first group meeting

Decide who will lead the meeting. To prepare, look through the workbook, the presentation slides and the available bonus material for the module. Choose a manageable section for your first meeting.

A sample 75-minute meeting. Begin with a short Bible-based talk (20 minutes). Take time for questions and discussion (20 minutes). Then put what you have heard into practice, for example by praying for each other in pairs (25 minutes). Close with a brief reflection and one step to take into everyday life (10 minutes).

If you follow the Quarterly Programme, the training evening for team members is followed by a church evening, such as a worship or prayer evening. There you return to the topic and put it into practice together. Afterwards, review as a team what you experienced and what you want to explore further next time. You will find more on this in the booklet “Quarterly Programme – The Starting Point for the Whole Church”, chapter 2.

Your church leads the programme

This approach is inspired by the Alpha Course. You receive prepared materials for your meetings. A trainer can prepare the first meetings with your team and help you use the materials. Leadership on site rests with you. You decide on dates, rhythm and format.

Four paths for your church

You decide which path suits your church. You will find more information on the website and in the partner materials.

Quarterly Programme. You introduce the church to one topic step by step. The training evening is followed by a church evening with room for practical application.

Mentoring. You accompany individual people personally and help them grow spiritually and take on responsibility.

Church Bible School. You work through the twelve modules over several months or in an intensive format.

Modular Training. You choose a single topic that you want to explore in depth in your church or in a team.

Materials and support

Register your church as an Igniting Grace partner free of charge. Once registered, you receive the materials for running the programme, including the leader guides. Register as a partner

You lead the meetings with your own team. If you have questions about getting started, I am happy to offer you one or two free video calls. Together we can think through how to put Igniting Grace into practice in your church.

If you would like training or support while running the programme, you can contact someone from our trainer team or me directly. You agree on the scope, dates and fee with the person who supports you. Meet the Igniting Grace trainer team

Frequently asked questions

Are there videos on the gifts of the Spirit? Yes. On my YouTube channels you will find talks on the individual gifts of the Spirit, currently in German and Russian. They complement your work with the workbooks.

- Talks in German
- Talks in Russian

What do participants purchase? Each participant purchases a personal licence for their personalised workbooks. The presentation slides for the modules are included as a bonus.

What does the partnership cost? The partnership is free of charge. Your church receives the materials for running the programme as a permanent licence for use in your own church or organisation. It is not a subscription.