

# Quick Guide for how to use the Maximiser

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## Step 1. Is Your Church Ready For The Maximiser?

Before attempting to undergo a Maximiser Transition check your readiness:

- Yes** ☐
1. Are you a cohesive and committed leadership team?  
- If not, work on building your team before attempting a transition.
  2. Is your pastor likely to be around for the next 2-3 years, preferably five?  
- If not, wait until the change occurs.
  3. Are the pastor and senior elder committed to pursue a transition?  
- Unless both are committed it will be very difficult to motivate the rest of the church to support.
  4. Are there any major happenings in the next twelve months e.g. citywide mission, building program etc?  
- If yes, it may be wise to delay the start. The transition must be the major focus of your leadership team in the first year of transition.
  5. Do you have an external coach to assist you through the process?  
- If not talk to your Conference or Mission Sabbath School director.

## Step 2.

Conduct a Maximiser training day.

1. Invite elders, the adult Sabbath School leader and key small group leaders. You want the key leaders, not a crowd. You will move quicker through the material and achieve higher accountability with a smaller group.
2. Obtain a Sabbath School Maximiser booklet for each participant. Ask them to read it before attending the training day.
3. Download the Powerpoints from [www.maximiser.org](http://www.maximiser.org)  
the Username is "max" password is "sabbathschool" OR obtain them from your Conference or Mission.
4. During the training cover chapters 1,2,5 and 7. If you run out of time leave chapter 5 out.
5. Provide a meal, not a potluck, to create a sense of significance and to build community.

## Step 3.

Being & Learning About Groups

1. Ask for a commitment from leaders to attend a leaders group for 8 weeks. This will be a time of being a group and reviewing the Maximiser material.
2. Spend 90 minutes each night being a group:  
15 minutes sharing & prayer  
30 minutes Bible study and application  
45 minutes review and discuss one chapter of the Maximiser.
3. Make sure you leave time to discuss the questions at the end of each chapter.
4. At your eighth session, if possible, invite your coach to answer questions and help the group to work out the next steps for implementation.

## Step 4.

Implement

1. Ensure that each elder understands and agrees to the job description.
2. Distribute elders evenly throughout existing classes and begin new ones if possible (7-8 members)
3. Add additional elders if necessary.
4. Appoint apprentice leaders as soon as possible.
5. Conduct monthly socials and add each of the 9 components of a holistic group over time.
6. Identify possible structural changes that will help develop group life and slowly begin working on them.