



# ***The Flying Start***

## The concept

### **1. Evangelism and discipleship is everybody's responsibility**

Evangelism and discipleship is everybody's responsibility. Most church leaders are well aware of this, but putting it into practice is another matter altogether. Usually only a fraction of the church is actively reaching others with the gospel. And the training up of new believers is seen as the leadership's responsibility and not as a task for the entire church. As a result, a small group ends up doing what should be the task of all the members and the growth of the local church is in many areas less than what God wants.

Jesus is *the light of the world that gives light to every man* [JOHN 1:9, 8:12]. But Jesus also calls the church *the light of the world* and gives it the charge: *Let your light shine before men* [MATTHEW 5:14-16]. This is the task of the whole church, without exception. Everyone is commissioned to win others for Jesus and to help new believers on their way in the basics of the gospel. *The Flying Start* and the supporting materials have been developed to help leaders and their churches in this. *The Flying Start* helps the churches to be a shining light in the midst of a needy world.

### **2. Able to make a entire church flourish**

*The Flying Start* is ideal for individual study and many will be blessed through it. However, it is the training concept of *The Flying Start* that will produce the most fruit. As a training tool *The Flying Start* is able to make an entire church flourish. It is a catalyst accelerating the growth of the church in many areas.

1. New converts receive a flying start in their faith and learn, almost immediately, to take responsibility for their spiritual lives. Rapid personal growth is the result.
2. The enthusiasm this generates in the new believer is a powerful motivator to reach their community with the gospel.
3. *The Flying Start* and the supporting material enables one to properly and fully explain the gospel, even if one's knowledge of the Bible is limited. When he sees that God uses him for the salvation of others, his enthusiasm increases even more. This is an additional incentive for personal growth in many areas.
4. New believers who work with *The Flying Start* quickly learn that *it is more blessed to give than to receive* [ACTS 20:35]. They do not want to be consumer Christians, but disciples of Jesus who are committed to helping others.
5. A person working with others through *The Flying Start* one-on-one or in a small group, develops basic leadership skills in a 'playful' way. In a church that actively works with *The Flying Start*, there is a constant emergence of new leaders for the cell groups and the smaller ministry teams.
6. The next step is to offer a foundation course on the basis of *The Flying Start*. Thanks to the book and supporting material this is possible relatively early on in the development of a new leader. This is how he can continue to grow and develop. Generally speaking the middle level leadership of the congregation becomes larger and stronger.



7. Last but not least, since so many people take up their ministries, leaders can focus on their personal tasks: preaching, training and prayer [ACTS 6:2-4]. This in turn creates more scope for the Spirit to work and to lead the church to fullness.

### 3. More facts and applications

New believers are usually very enthusiastic but have little knowledge. They are very motivated to evangelize, but they lack the necessary knowledge to explain the Gospel well. The traditional "solution" is a long evangelism training period with an emphasis on theoretical knowledge. But in reality this approach has a discouraging effect. Due to the extensive treatment of the subject matter and the lack of visible results the initial fire is extinguished. This is prevented by using the *The Flying Start* as a training concept. It gives a concise but complete picture of the first steps in the faith, so the new believer can start immediately. He learns as he goes, using his God-given courage and enthusiasm for its intended purpose: to win souls!

Statistically, churches that are very effective in winning souls are able to mobilize new believers for evangelism and making disciples. The training concept of *The Flying Start* makes it possible for every church to do the same.

House churches and other small churches are usually strong in community life and mutual love, but due to the size of the group it lacks a (fully developed) teaching ministry. *The Flying Start* meets the small church's need for an effective teaching ministry, so they too can experience its blessings.

*The Flying Start* as a training serves a double purpose. Of course new believers receive the necessary teaching on the basics, but the others benefit as well. By following the training they "learn by observation". After this they themselves are able to work with others based on what they have learned through *The Flying Start*. When the whole church follows the training, new believers receive a flying start and the others are equipped for the work of an evangelist [2 TIMOTHY 4:5]. It goes without saying that this has a positive effect on the growth of the church.

The costs are very low. Training need not cost more than the purchase cost of the books, which are also paid for by the students themselves.

Finally, *The Flying Start* is a perfect gift for those who have participated in the church's own foundation course or the Alpha course.

### 4. Tailor made advice and training

Arrowz offers advice to churches and Christian organizations. In addition Arrowz is able to put churches and organizations in the Netherlands and Flanders in touch with trainers for providing training or help in setting up a foundation course based on *The Flying Start*. The trainers affiliated to Arrowz provide tailor made training. (Fee subject to what trainer and church/organization agree on.)

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