



**KING'S  
CHURCH** (<http://kingschurchedinburgh.org/>)  
**EDINBURGH**

## Vision Preach 2016

14 years ago, King's was a small church plant, and is now over 200 people strong. We believe God is calling us to be a church of over 400 people.

Matt likened this to moving from being a Smart-car, to being more like a Coach; one nippy and economical, the other more complex, but more able to carry far more people.

**Ephesians 3:8-10:** To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places

**We want to reflect the multi-faceted nature of God to our city.**

### Growing as a church

1. Helps us attract many more people different ages and backgrounds who currently don't really know Jesus
2. It has the benefit of sustainability, avoiding burn out.
3. Helps us to demonstrate many more different hues and shades of gifting/ interest.
4. Our quality goes up, Jesus called us to be
5. Means we can be more generous towards others (*Bethany homeless project / Justice and care anti-people trafficking charity, Edinburgh city mission, Newground for planting of more churches/apostolic mission, Adrian Holloway evangelist/Hope church Borders*) > "A city set on a hill that cannot be hidden; .. so Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify

your Father who is in heaven.

## Other things ahead

- *Small group clusters* where we can gather as 50-60 together
- *Releasing George and Chris more*
- *Academy 2016*
- *Together for Scotland* - Missional Conference, 20-22nd May with other churches in Scotland.
- *West Lothian church plant initiative* - currently a small group meeting bi-weekly.
- *An emphasis on evangelism* - seeing people respond to Alpha / Hope Stories and at Sunday meetings.

Each of us needs to mix vision with faith; applying this personally.

## Questions

1. Can you remember some of the other things that Matt mentioned that are different as the church grows?
2. How might these 'Growing as a church' points change your involvement with church?
3. Can you remember the 4 actions Matt suggested you consider?
4. How do you 'mix vision with faith'?



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