



Quarter 2 — Lesson 21



Year 3—Quarter 2: The Church is God's Idea

What Does Foursquare Mean?

The Foursquare Gospel

The Foursquare Gospel comes from the Bible. That means it is based on the Word of God. The name “Foursquare” originated with God as it is used ten times in the Bible:

- Six times in Exodus
- Once in 1 Kings
- Twice in Ezekiel
- Once in Revelation

Four Main Teachings

The four main teachings of the Foursquare Gospel are taught in the entire Bible. The four major phases are:

1. Jesus Christ, the Savior (Ro. 3:23)
2. Jesus Christ, the Baptizer

with the Holy Spirit (Mt. 3:11)

3. Jesus Christ, the Great Physician or Healer (Mt. 8:17)
4. Jesus Christ, the soon Coming King (1 Thess. 4:16)

Four Gospels

The first four books of the New Testament are called the Gospels and each one presents Jesus differently.

- **Luke** presents Christ as the Son of Man.
- **Mark** presents Christ as Healer.
- **John** presents Christ as the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit.
- **Matthew** presents Christ as the King soon to come again.

Power Point

The Foursquare Gospel is: Jesus meets the needs of people for body, soul, and spirit.

Note: Friends from other denominations, teach about YOUR church.

Object Lesson: Foursquare Symbols of Faith

A symbol is something like an object, a picture, or a drawing which we can see, but it reminds us of something wonderful that we cannot see. The four symbols of our faith are: a cross, dove, cup and crown. Each one represents a different part of Jesus' ministry. (prepare an overhead of these four symbols to show class)

Cross = Savior

Dove = Holy Spirit

Cup = Healer

Crown = King

(See the lesson supplement for more material on these symbols.)



MEMORY VERSE

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever.”

- Hebrews 13:8



The Foursquare Symbols of Faith

What Do They Mean?

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Cross = Savior

The cross is a special symbol that reminds us of **Jesus, our Savior**. It shows that Jesus saved us from the bad things we do, called sins.

The Bible says that the result of sin is death, which means being separated from God forever. But because Jesus died on the cross, we can be close to God and be Christians. So, whenever we see a cross, we should remember that Jesus died for each one of us.



Cup = Healer

The cup is a special symbol that reminds us of **Jesus, the Great Healer**. When Jesus prayed in a garden called Gethsemane, He

asked God if He could avoid the suffering He was about to face. But Jesus also said He would do what God wanted. The "cup" Jesus talked about meant He would take on all our sadness, pain, and sins. Even though Jesus was perfect, He suffered when He was nailed to a cross. He didn't deserve it, but because He loves us so much, He took our punishment. It was very hard and painful, but He did it for you and me.



Dove = Holy Spirit

The **dove** is a special symbol that reminds us of **Jesus and the Holy Spirit**. In the Bible, when Jesus was baptized by John, the Holy Spirit came down on Him like a dove.

A dove is gentle, pure, and can be easily hurt. It is kind and harmless. Doves like to live near people and always find their way back home. They only eat clean seeds and drink clean water.

The Holy Spirit is like a dove. He is gentle, pure, and can be easily hurt. If we tell the Holy Spirit to go away, He will feel sad, not angry. We should ask the Holy Spirit to come and fill us with His love. The Holy Spirit loves to be with God's people. He is kind and loving and will never hurt anyone. The Holy Spirit wants to live in a heart that is clean and free from bad things like hatred and dishonesty.



Crown = King

The symbol of the **crown represents Jesus, the Coming King**. Kings and queens usually wear crowns. When Jesus was on earth He was

crowned, but not with a crown of gold. It was a crown of thorns. But when He comes to earth again, he will come as the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Jesus is more important than any other king in the whole world. On the day when Jesus comes back to earth, everyone will know and will have to admit that Jesus

Take-Home

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Summary

Bible Passages:

Heb. 13:8; Ro. 3:23;
Mt. 3:11; Mt. 8:17; 1
Thess. 4:16

Main Point:

The Foursquare Gospel is: Jesus meets the needs of people for body, soul, and spirit.

Discuss:

Q: The Foursquare Gospel meets the needs of people for _____, _____, and _____.

A: body, soul, and spirit.

Q: What are the four major doctrines?

A: Jesus Christ, Savior, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, Healer, and Coming King

Q: Where does the word “Foursquare” come from?

A: The Bible

Note: Friends from other denominations, teach about YOUR church.

Explore the Bible

Read: Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Explain: Imagine your favorite toy or a special friend who is always there for you, no matter what. Jesus is like that, but even better! He never changes. He loved us yesterday, He loves us today, and He will love us forever. Just like how the sun always rises every morning, Jesus is always the same and always with us.

Family Activity

Craft Project:

Provide your family with paper plates, cardstock, or any paper. Also have markers, crayons, or water colors.

Print out a copy of the Foursquare symbols page (supplement) for each child.

(Note: For families from other denominations, please use symbols from YOUR church.)

After the children decorate their symbols, consider having them write under each one how they symbolize Jesus.

Apply and Pray

Talk about how you chose your church for your family to attend.

Prayer: Lead your child in a prayer, asking God to bless your family and your church family.

