

New Members Ministry Class



- **Class 101- DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**
- **Class 201- DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY**
- **Class 301- DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL MATURITY**
- **Class 401- DISCOVERING MY LIFE MISSION**

WE WELCOME YOU!!!!

Welcome to the Shady Grove Baptist Church family!

Because of the commitment you have now made, which is to learn, to grow, and to give, we welcome you to our New Members Class.

We are excited about this opportunity in preparing you to fulfill your Godly purpose.

The teachers and leaders are here to give you support, time, and to share with you many things which may be helpful to you as a new member of this church.

Please feel free to call on our team with any questions/concerns you may have.

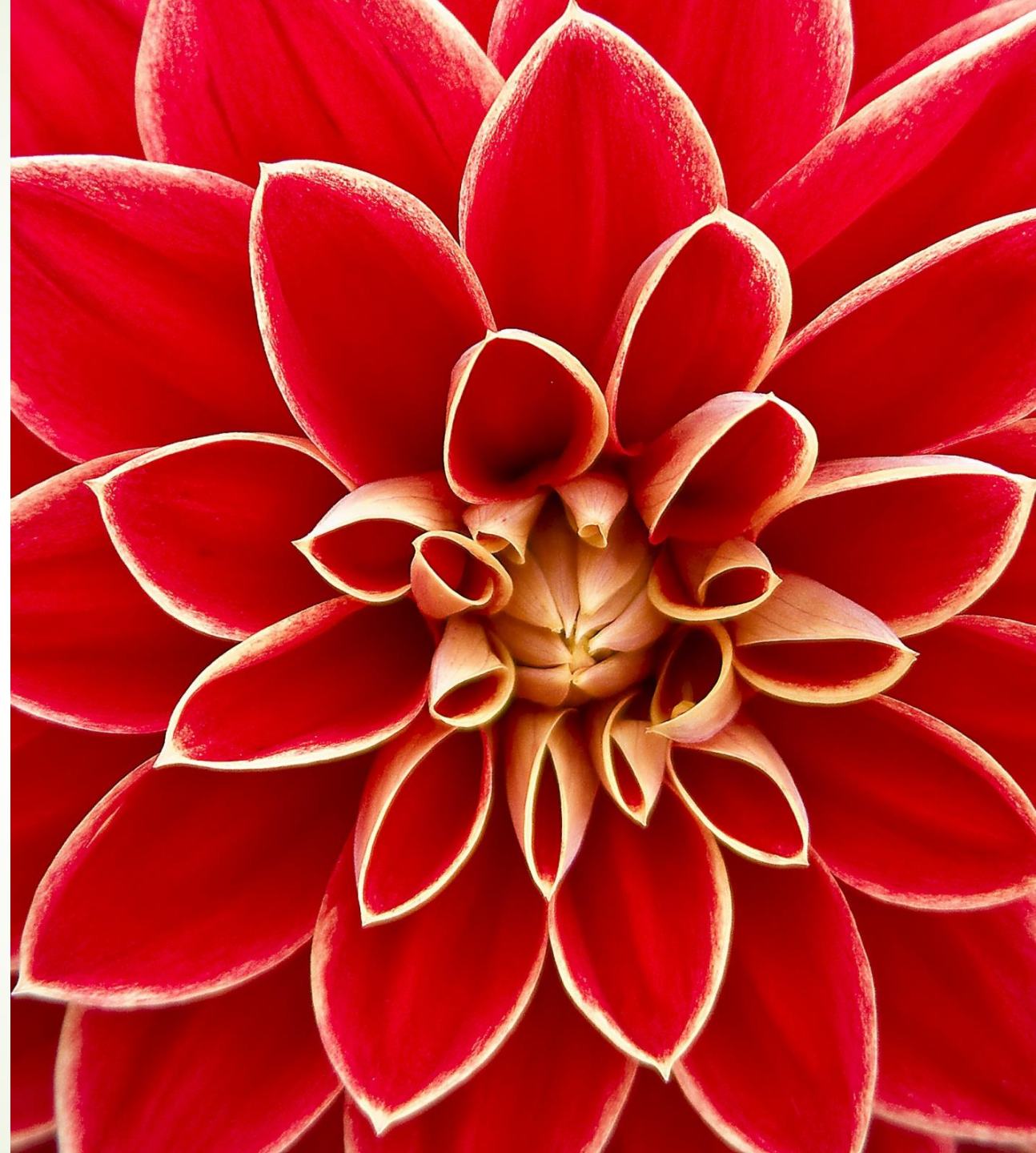


Purpose

The New Members Class purpose is to help new members understand more about their relationship with Christ, who we are as a church family, and how we love God and serve His people.

The Benefits of the New Members Classes.

- To provides information
- To promote integration
- To prevents inactivity
- To strengthen involvement



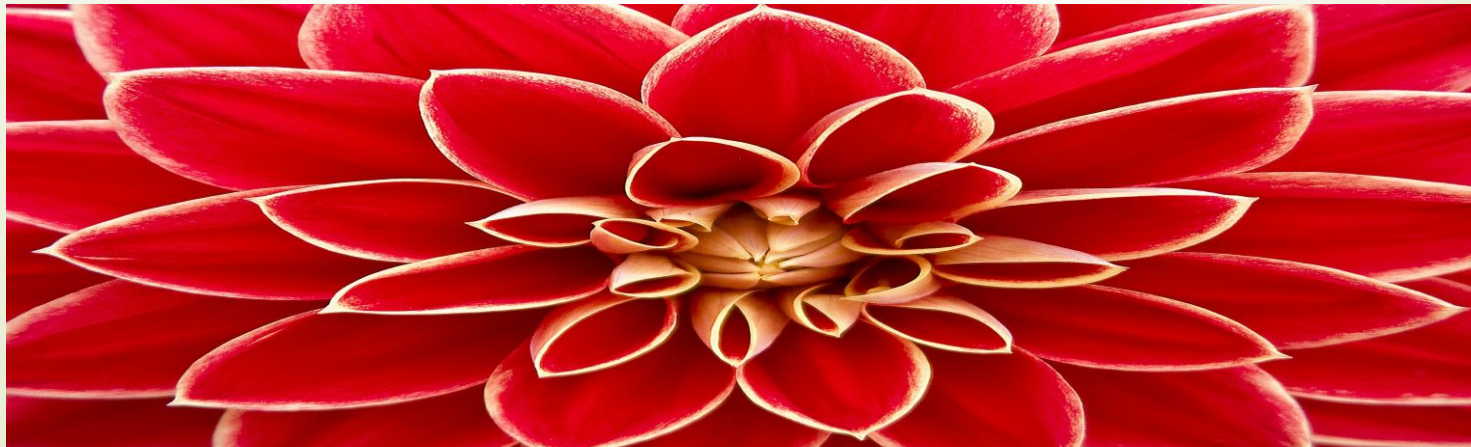


LET'S GET STARTED

Class 101

Discovering Church Membership

- - Our Salvation (What God has done for us)
- - Our Statements (Why we exist as a church)
- - Our Strategy (How we fulfill our purpose)
- - Our Structure (When & where we fulfill our purpose)



Our Salvation (What God has done for us)

- We believe “a great **commitment** to the great **commandment** and the great **commission** will grow a **great** church.”
- **Romans 10:9-10**
- In other words-*Make a commitment to love God with all your heart (the great commandment) (that's WORSHIP) also love your neighbor (that's ministry) from the great commission (meaning go and make disciples) (tell/show others of His goodness) (fellowship with them) so that they may be led to Christ.
- And this makes a GREAT church.



Our Statements (Why we exist as a church)

► Genesis 1:27-28 (KJV)

27-So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created them; male and female created He them.

28-And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

5 Reasons We Exist:

Celebrate, Demonstrate, Communicate, Incorporate, Educate

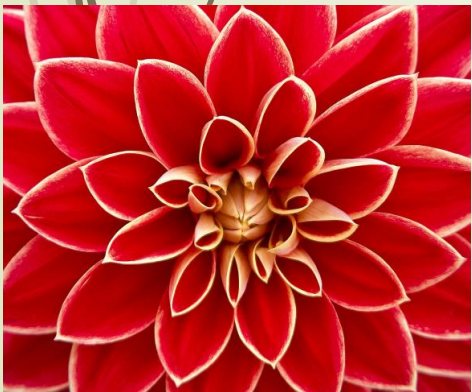
- (1) To celebrate God's presence**
- (2) To demonstrate God's love**
- (3) To communicate God's Word**
- (4) To incorporate God's people into His family**
- (5) To educate God's people which is discipleship**



Our Strategy

(How we fulfill our purpose)

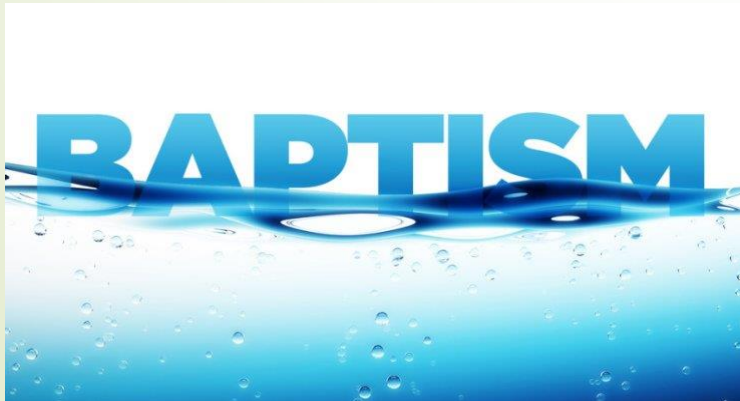
- **ADMIT**-that God has not been first place in your life and ask him to forgive your sins. **1 John 1:9**
- **BELIEVE**-that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that he rose again on Easter and is alive today.
Acts 4:12 & Romans 10:9-10
- **ACCCEPT**-God's free gift of salvation. Don't try to earn it.
Ephesians 2:8-9.
- **ASK**-Jesus Christ to come into your life and be (LORD) of your life. **John 1:12-13**



Our Structure

(When & where we fulfill our purpose)

- The Bible says that there are two symbols we need to be involved in to remind us of the decision we've made: **Baptism** and the **Lord's Supper**.
- **Baptism**-Illustrates Christ's Burial and Resurrection & My New Life as a Christian
- **The Lord's Supper -1 Corinthians 11:23-26**
The bread and the wine are both symbols that represent Jesus. Jesus loved us so much that He gave His body (bread) and blood (wine) for us, so we could be forgiven when we sin.
- 1. It is a simple act. 2. It is a reminder. 3. It is a symbol. 4. It's a statement of faith.



BAPTIST BELIEFS



- **B** - Bible is our sole authority. **2 Timothy 3:15**
- **A** - Autonomy of the local church. GOD is the head of this church, we are a body, and we work together. (Pastor, Leaders, and Members.)
- **P** - Priesthood of every believer. Jesus Christ did that by His death and resurrection. Because of that we all have equal access to God.
- **T** - Tithing-The word tithing simply means ten percent.
- **I** - Immersion-Baptism we are emerged in water. The picture of baptism is being buried under water just as Christ was buried in the tomb and raised into a new way of life.
- **S** - Spirit led living- John 15:5 "**Jesus said, I am the vine, you are the branches. If you abide in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. But apart from Me, you can do nothing.**" He is our power source in life.
- **T** - Telling others about Christ. It is the responsibility and the privilege of every believer to tell someone else. You don't have to know the whole Bible; you don't have to have some witnessing plan memorized. All you need to do is tell somebody else, "This is what God did for me." Tell others about His goodness.



**Now introducing the leaders and
contact information for
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WHAT'S NEXT

- The difference between “attenders” and “members” can be summed in one word

C-O-M-M-I-T-M-E-N-T

Learn More:

Next Lesson: 201 - Discovering My Ministry



Class 201

Discovering My Ministry

- ➡ **MADE FOR MINISTRY**
- ➡ **SERVING THROUGH SHADY GROVE**



YOU WERE MADE FOR MINISTRY!



➤ You were **SHAPED** to serve God- Ephesians 4:11-12.

"It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that **the body of Christ** may be built up."

The Bible says:

- *The Pastor is the Leader & The People are the Administrators.
- *You were created, saved, and called for ministry!
- *You will be rewarded for your ministry.

How do I discover my ministry?

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

- 1) Dedicate My Body
- 2) Eliminate Competing Distractions
- 3) Evaluate My Strengths
- 4) Cooperate with Other Believers
- 5) START- Study, Trial & Error, Analyze, Request Responses, and Take Training



What are some of your competing Distractions?



What's Your S.H.A.P.E ?

- God equips us with what we need to accomplish our tasks and/or assignments



- ☐ Spiritual gifts
- ☐ Heart
- ☐ Abilities
- ☐ Personality
- ☐ Experience



Unwrapping My Gifts

Spiritual Gift

GIFTS THAT COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD

Peaching

Missions

Evangelism

☐ I'm pretty sure I have this gift ☐ I may have this gift ☐ I don't think I have this gift.

GIFTS THAT EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE

Teaching

Wisdom

Encouragement

Discernment

Knowledge

☐ I'm pretty sure I have this gift ☐ I may have this gift ☐ I don't think I have this gift.

GIFTS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE

Service

Mercy

Hospitality

Pastoring

Giving

☐ I'm pretty sure I have this gift ☐ I may have this gift ☐ I don't think I have this gift.

4 PRAYER-RELATED GIFTS

Intercession

Healing

Miracles

Praying

☐ I'm pretty sure I have this gift ☐ I may have this gift ☐ I don't think I have this gift.





Comes from the Hear

TAKE A SPIRITUAL EKG

MY HIGHLIGHTS OF THINGS I DID WELL AND ENJOYED:

DURING MY GRADE SCHOOL YEARS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

AS A TEENAGER OR ADULT

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

STEP 2: **DISCOVER THE MOTIVATED DIRECTION OF YOUR HEART (ABILITY)**

Examine your achievements for a common motivational thread. You might find a key phrase repeated.

What's Your Type? Your Personality

- Write your name with the correct hand in the first and the wrong hand in the second?

RIGHT!

WRONG!



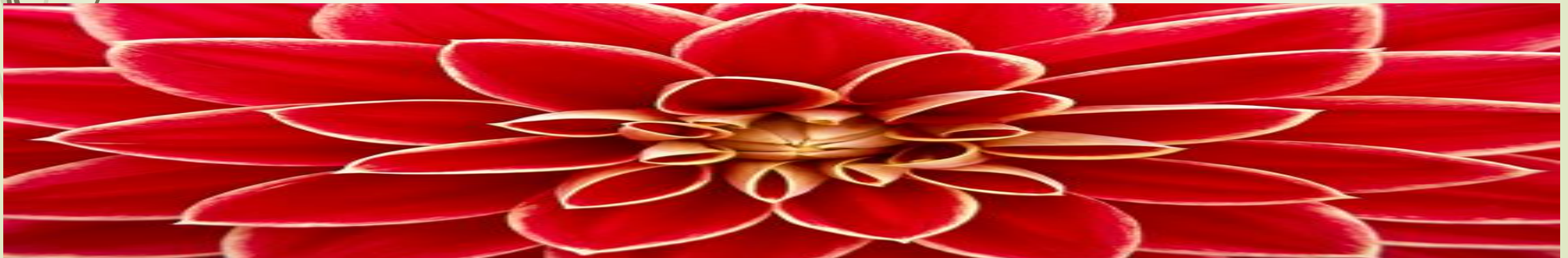
What Happened???

WHICH ARE YOU?

Extrovert/Introvert

Thinker/Feeler

Cooperative/Competitive





EXPERIENCES

- “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28
- You have been shaped by your experiences in life, most of which were beyond your control. God allowed them for His purpose of molding you. In determining your shape for serving God, you should examine at least four kinds of experiences from your past.

SPIRITUAL-EDUCATION-PERSONAL
AND EVEN
PAINFUL

GOD NEVER WASTES A HURT!

Serving Through Shady Grove Baptist Church


Matthew 20:28

- 1) Commit to the Ministry
- 2) Complete your S.H.A.P.E. Evaluation
- 3) Contact Ministry Leader
- 4) Meet with Group
- 5) **START SERVING!**





NOTE:

- Your Ministry will be most effective and fulfilling when YOU are using YOUR **Gifts** and **Abilities** in the area of YOUR **Heart's** desire, and in a way that best expresses YOUR **Personality** and **Experiences!**
 - Success is doing what **GOD MADE YOU TO DO!**
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WHAT'S NEXT

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➤ The difference between “**attenders**” and “**members**” can be summed in one word-
COMMITMENT.

➤ *Now that I have joined the church and participating in ministry, how do I grow in Christ?*

➤ Next Lesson: 301 - Discovering Spiritual Maturity



Class 301

Discovering Church Membership

- **Discovering Spiritual Maturity**
- **Facts About Spiritual Maturity**
- **Four Habits of a Disciple**



Discovering Spiritual Maturity

Ephesians 4:14-15

"We are not meant to remain as children but to grow up in every way into Christ."

Facts About Spiritual Maturity

- ➡ **1. IT'S NOT AUTOMATIC-** *In other words, you can be a Christian and you can never grow up spiritually. Hebrews 5:12-13*
- ➡ **2. IT IS A PROCESS-** *Learn to be mature. "Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our savior, Jesus Christ." That indicates a process. It takes time. 2 Peter 3:18*
- ➡ **3. IT TAKES DISCIPLINE-** *"Take the time and the trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit." 1 Timothy 4:7. Just like to be physically fit, you've got to exercise, develop some basic habits. That is true in the Christian life.*

4 Habits of a Disciple



Habit	Key Thought
Time with God's Word	The Bible teaches us what is true
Prayer	THE HABIT OF PRAYER- Romans 12:12
Tithing	Tithe means a tenth part (10%).
Fellowship	Encourages each other

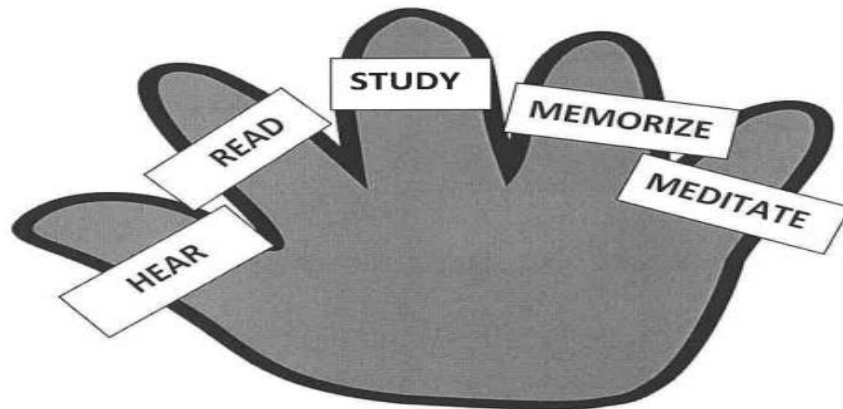


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HOW TO “GRASP” THE BIBLE

FIVE WAYS TO GET A “GRASP” OF THE BIBLE

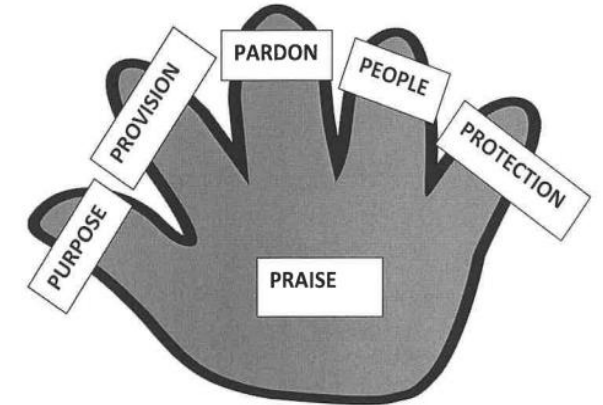


HOW TO GET A “GRASP” OF THE BIBLE

1. Ways to Hear God's Word
 - Church Services and Sermons
 - Radio/TV/Cellphone
2. How to Read God's Word
 - How often should I read God's Word? Everyday
 - Choose a reading plan and stick to it
3. How to Study God's Word
 - The difference between reading and studying the Bible is that you take notes when you study.
 - The secret is knowing how to act on what you hear.
4. How to Memorize the Bible

During Quiet Time	Exercising	At Bedtime
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5. How to Meditate on God's Word
 - Picture It! Visualize the scene in your mind
 - Pronounce It! Say the verse aloud
 - Personalize It! Make it your own
 - Pray It! Turn the verse into a Prayer

How to PRAY



THE SIX PARTS OF PRAYER

1. PRAISE: I begin by expressing my love for GOD.
"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..."
2. PURPOSE: I commit myself to God's purpose and will for my life.
"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
3. PROVISION: I ask GOD to provide for my needs.
"Give us today our daily bread."
4. PARDON: I ask GOD to forgive my sins.
"Forgive us our debts."
5. PEOPLE: I pray for other people.
"as we have also forgiven our debtors"
6. PROTECTION: I ask for spiritual protection from God.
"And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one"

7 Benefits to My Life

WHY GOD WANTS ME TO GIVE 7 Benefits to My Life

1. GIVING MAKES ME More like God
"God so loved the world that He gave his only Son..." John 3:16
2. GIVING DRAWS ME closer to God
"Where your treasure is, there your heart is also." Matt. 6:21
3. GIVING IS THE ANTIDOTE TO materialism
"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to be generous and willing to share. In this way they may take hold of the life that is truly Life!" 1Tim. 6:17-19
4. GIVING STRENGTHENS my faith
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of your income, and he will fill your barns to overflowing" Prov. 3:5,9

☛ Tithing reminds me that everything I have was given to me by God!
"Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth." Deut. 8:18

5. Tithing expresses my gratitude
"How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?" Ps. 116:12

"Each of you should bring a gift I proportion to the way the Lord you God has blessed you." Deut. 16:17

6. God says that refusing to tithe is stealing from Him!
"God says 'Will a man rob God' Yet you are robbing me!' But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' God says 'In tithes and offerings...Bring your whole tithe to my house.'" Mal. 3:8-10

7. Tithing gives God a chance to prove he exists and wants to bless you!
"Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. Test me in this" says the Lord, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won't have room enough for it! I will prevent pests from devouring your crops and the vines in your fields will be protected from plagues" Mal. 3:10

8. Tithing proves that I really love God
(Jesus) "If you really love me, do what I command" John 14:15

WHAT'S NEXT

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► Now that I have joined the church, am participating in ministry, and learned how to grow in Christ; I can now discover my mission in this world.

Next Lesson: 401 - Discovering My Life's Mission

Class 401

Discovering My Life Mission

- **I Was Created to Fulfill God's Purpose**
- **God Planned My Life Mission Before I Was Born**
 - **Fulfilling My Mission Brings Glory to God**




GOD'S PURPOSE FOR CREATING YOU & ME

- **We are made to have a relationship with God.**
"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness." **Genesis 1:26**
- **We were made to become like Christ.**
"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." **Romans 8:29**
- **We were made to last forever**
- **He has planted eternity in the human heart." Eccl. 3:11 (NIV)**

THIS LIFE IS PREPARATION FOR LIFE IN ETERNITY!





GOD PLANNED MY LIFE MISSION BEFORE I WAS BORN

- Not only did God shape you before your birth, He planned every day of your life to support His shaping process. David continues, "Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed."

(Psalm 139:16)

- SHARING THE GOOD NEWS IS MY **RESPONSIBILITY!**

Telling the Good News is my duty - something I must do. And how terrible it will be for me if I do not tell the Good News." 1 Cor. 9:16 (NCV)

If I am a Christian, My Mission is not Optional!

FULFILLING MY MISSION BRINGS GLORY TO GOD

THREE PARTS OF YOUR LIFE MESSAGE

1. WE MUST SHIFT OUR THINKING FROM SELF CENTERNESS TO GOD CENTERNESS.

“For the Holy Spirit, God's gift, does not want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them.” **2 Timothy 1:7**

2. WE MUST SHIFT OUR THINKING FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL ORIENTATION.

Watch the world news with "missionary eyes" then pray!

3. WE MUST SHIFT OUR THINKING FROM TEMPORARY VALUES TO ETERNAL VALUES.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." **Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)**



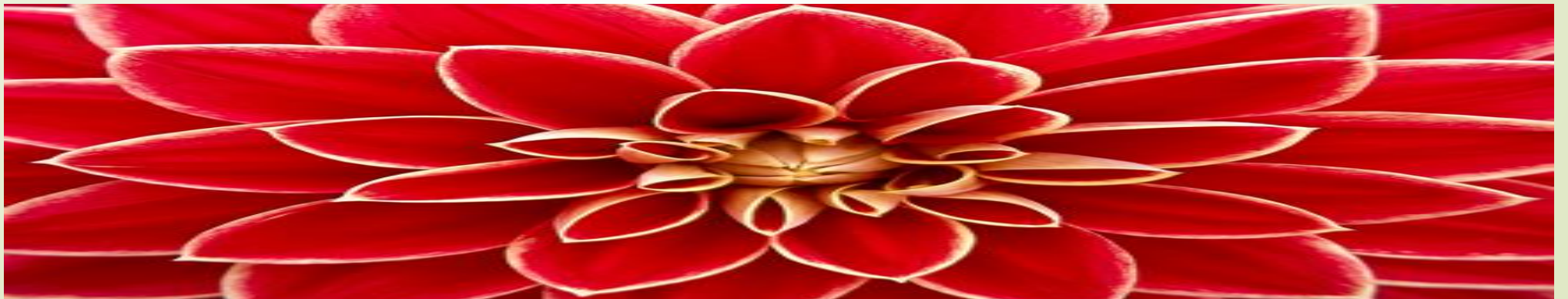
FULFILLING MY MISSION BRINGS GLORY TO GOD-Continued

Part 1: My Testimony — My story of how I began a relationship with Jesus.

Part 2: My Life Lessons — My Life Passions.

Part 3: The Good News — Explaining how to accept Christ.

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Time to Spend on Fulfilling your Mission

A THE DIFFERENCE IT HAS MADE IN MY LIFE.
What benefits have you experienced or felt?
What problems have been resolved?
How has Jesus helped you change for the better?
How has it helped your relationships? Give
a current example.

The Testimony Pyramid





WHAT'S NEXT

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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO LIVE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?
THE CHOICE IS YOURS?

"David served God's purpose in his own generation...."
Acts 13:36a (NIV)





DISCOVERING MY MISSION COVENANT STATEMENT

I commit the rest of my life to being a messenger of God's good news to other people, and to using my time, talents, and treasures for the Kingdom, regardless of where it's needed or what it costs.

Sign Here

and email

to: ymt1908@hotmail.com



Thank You

This concludes the New Members Class.

**If you have any questions,
feel free to contact a ministry leader.
You will be notified by the ministry
leader of Glam Slam date.**

Thank you for your participation.