

Church Membership Workbook



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Biblical Foundation of the Church

Session One—The Foundation of the Church

I. Perceptions of the Church—What people think about the church

A. When someone says church, what do you think of?

B. Contemporary views of the church

II. Principles of the Church—What the Bible says about the church

A. The Significance of the Church

1. What is the word for church?

a. The word for church in the original Greek language is _____ .

b. The word means: an assembly gathered for any definite purpose.

c. The word is used in the New Testament for:

1) _____ Acts 19:32-41

2) _____ Eph 1:22-23, 3:10; Col 1:18-24

3) _____ Gal 1:22; 1 Cor 4:17, 7:17

2. Why do we need church?

a. Established by _____. Mat 16:18; Acts 2:40-47

b. Empowered to _____. Rom 12:1-8; 1 Cor 12:12-27

B. The Structure of the Church

1. Who is the head of the church?

_____ Eph 1:22-23; Col 1:18

2. Who are the members of the church?

_____ Eph 2:4-10

Biblical Purpose & Priorities of the Church

Session One—The Foundation of the Church

I. The Purpose of the Church—The mission of the Church

A. Jesus stated the mission of the church in the Great Commission:

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.”

—Matthew 28:19-20

B. Jesus is our _____ (or head) of the church.

C. Jesus established our _____.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Evangelize the lost	→ Equip the saints	→ Engage the saints
Make disciples	→ Mature disciples	→ Mobilize disciples
Come to Christ	→ Grow in Christ	→ Serve Christ

D. It is our job to fulfill the purpose _____.

II. The Priorities of the Church—The passion of the Church

A. The Priorities of the Church (as a body):

1. _____ the unbeliever. (1 Pet 3:15-16)

2. _____ the saints. (Eph 4:11-13)

3. _____ the body. (Rom 12:6-8)

B. The Priorities of the Christian (as an individual member):

1. _____ Mat 6:33; Luke 9:23

2. _____ Heb 10:24-25

3. _____ Eph 4:1-3; Phil 2:1-4

4. _____ 1 Pet 4:7-11

Privileges & Responsibilities of Church Membership

Session One—The Foundation of the Church

I. FBCNP commits to the Member

- A. To affirm the faith of the member—Give testimony of God’s saving work.
- B. To oversee the growth of the member—Give Biblical truth and counsel.
- C. To encourage the member—Give help and hope to be faithful.
- D. To warn the member of sin and false doctrine—Give warnings of danger.

II. The Member commits to FBCNP

- A. To evangelize the lost—Share the love of God through faith in Jesus to the lost.
- B. To attend corporate worship services—Serve God through praise, prayer, and proclamation of the Word of God with this church body.
- C. To unite with and pray for the church—Surround yourself, unite, and pray with like-minded followers of Jesus Christ.
- D. To strive to live holy lives in accordance to God’s holy word.
- E. To give cheerfully their abilities, gifts, time, and money—Support the work of God in and through this church.

Particulars of Church Membership

Session One—The Foundation of the Church

I. Membership Guidelines of FBCNP

Church members will consist of individuals who have:

- A. Publicly professed faith in the Lord Jesus alone for salvation.
- B. Been baptized.
- C. Applied and been accepted for church membership.
- D. Committed to join with this church to fulfill its purpose under the leadership of its Elders.

II. Membership Process at FBCNP

- A. Attend all three FBCNP membership sessions.
(If a session is missed, make up at next scheduled membership course. Classes are offered regularly.)
- B. Express your desire to become a member of FBCNP to a Pastor/Elder.
- C. Schedule an interview with two Pastors/Elders. The interview will consist of (1) getting to know your spiritual pilgrimage (how you came to faith, getting clarity on your experiences and background); (2) determining your availability for involvement, fellowship, and serving; and (3) answering any questions you may have about FBCNP.
- D. The interviewing Pastors/Elders will review and submit your membership request to the remaining Pastors/Elders.
- E. Pastors/Elders will present new members publicly.

Biblical Practice of the Church

Session Two—Life of the Church

I. Purity

- A. What the Bible says about Purity in the Life of the Church
 1. We are set free from _____. (Rom 6:17-19)
 2. We are to put sin to _____. (Col 3:1-11)
 3. We are to pursue holiness/purity. (1 Pet 1:13-21; 1 John 3:2-3; Phil 2:14-15)
- B. How the Church pursues Purity
 1. We gather for corporate _____.
 - a. Word of God encourages purity. (Col 3:16-17)
 - b. Worship should encourage purity. (Heb 10:24-25)
 2. We maintain pure _____ within the church.
 - a. We are to warn against sin. (Heb 3:13)
 - b. We are to gently confront known sin. (Gal 6:1-12)

II. Love

- A. What the Bible says about Love in the Life of the Church
 1. We love with Biblical love. (1 Cor 13:4-8a)
 2. We love because God first loved us. (1 John 3:16-19)
 3. We are to love God _____. (Mat 22:37-38; Eph 5:2)
 4. We are to love _____ . (Mat 22:39; 1 John 4:7-5:2)
- B. How the Church expresses Love
 1. We _____ the Lord's commands. (John 15:10; 1 John 5:1-2)
 2. We _____ one another. (Eph 4:30-32; Col 3:13)
 3. We control our _____. (Jms 1:19, 3:3-12, 4:11)
 4. We humbly _____ one another. (Phil 2:1-4)

Biblical Pictures of the Church

Session Two—Life of the Church

III. Unity

A. What the Bible says about unity in the Life of the Church

1. God unites _____ to Himself and to one another. (Eph 2:11-18)
2. God calls the _____ to keep the unity of the Spirit. (Eph 4:3-6)

B. How the Church pursues unity individually

1. We live _____. (Eph 4:2a; Phil 2:1-11)
2. We live _____. (Eph 4:2b; Titus 3:2)
3. We live _____. (Eph 4:2c; Col 3:13)

C. How the Church pursues Unity Corporately

1. Hold fast the scriptures. (Eph 4:11-16; Acts 2:42-47; Titus 2:11-15; 2 Tim 3:10-4:5)
2. Humbly serve in love. (Rom 12:1-8; 1 Cor 12:4-13:3; 1 Pet 4:8-11)

IV. Giving

A. We are to give to the Lord and His work. (2 Cor 9:6-15)

1. _____ (verses 6-7)
2. _____ (verses 8-15)

B. We are to give from what we have been given. (1 Cor 4:2)

1. Time (Eph 5:15-17)
2. Abilities and Spiritual Gifts (Rom 12:1-8; 1 Pet 4:10)
3. Tithes/Offerings (1 Cor 16:1-2; 2 Cor 8:1-9:5)

Metaphors of the Relationship with Christ & His Church

A. Bridegroom (Jesus) & Bride (Church)

Ephesians 5:15-33

1. Jesus sacrificially loved His Bride
2. Jesus sanctified and purified His Bride

B. Vine (Jesus) & Branches (Disciples)

John 15:1-8

1. Jesus cleansed His disciples through His word
2. Jesus gives life and fruit to His disciples

C. Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

1. Importance of each part of the body
2. Interdependence of each part of the body

D. Chief Cornerstone (Christ) & Living Stones (Church)

1 Peter 2:4-15

1. God chose the stones to be built into a spiritual house
2. God deems the spiritual sacrifices acceptable of His people acceptable through Jesus Christ

Additional Notes:

Session Two—Life of the Church

Biblical Plan for Church Leadership

Session Three—Leadership of the Church

I. Biblical Pattern of Leadership: Elders

- A. _____ Authority - Jesus Christ - Chief Shepherd
(Col 1:15-18; 1 Pet 5:4)
- B. _____ Authority - Elders/Pastors - Undershepherds
(John 21:15-17; 1 Pet 5:1-3; 1 Tim 3:5; Titus 1:5-9; Heb 13:7, 17, 24)
 - 1. Elders are not a new idea in the New Testament.
(Ex 18:14, 20-21; Num 11:16)
 - 2. Elders are the pattern for rule/oversight in the Church.
(Acts 14:21-23; 15:2-6; 16:4; 20:17; Titus 1:5)

II. Biblical Qualifications of an Elder

Male—(1 Tim 3:1-2; Titus 1:6)
Self-controlled—(1 Tim 3:2, Titus 1:8)
Hospitable—(1 Tim 3:2, Titus 1:8)
Able to teach—(1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:9)
Not violent but gentle—(1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:7)
Not quarrelsome—(1 Tim 3:3)
Not a lover of money—(1 Tim 3:3)
Not a recent convert—(1 Tim 3:6)
Good reputation with outsiders—(1 Tim 3:7)
Not overbearing—(Titus 1:7)
Not quick-tempered—(Titus 1:7)
Loves what is good—(Titus 1:8)
Upright, holy—(Titus 1:8)
Disciplined—(Titus 1:8)
Above reproach—(1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:6)
Husband of one wife—(1 Tim 3:2, Titus 1:6)
Temperate—(1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:7)
Not given to drunkenness—(1 Tim 3:3, 8; Titus 1:7)
Respectable—(1 Tim 3:2, 8)
Manages his own family well—(1 Tim 3:4)
Sees that his children obey him—(1 Tim 3:4; Titus 1:6)
Does not pursue dishonest gain—(Titus 1:7)
Holds to the truth—(1 Tim 3:9; Titus 1:9)
Sincere—(1 Tim 3:8)
Tested—(1 Tim 3:10)

Biblical Responsibilities of Leadership & the Church

Session Three—Leadership of the Church

Additional Notes:

Session Three—Leadership of the Church

I. Responsibilities of an Elder to its Church

- A. To _____ the Word of God
(1 Tim 4:6-11; Titus 1:9)
- B. To _____ God's people about danger
(Acts 20:28-32)
- C. To be an _____ of spiritual maturity
(Heb 13:7; 1 Tim 4:12; 1 Pet 5:3b; 1 Cor 11:1)
- D. To _____ God's people for works of service
(Eph 4:12; 2 Tim 3:14-17)
- E. To _____
(Acts 6:3-4; Eph 1:15-23; Col 1:9-12)
- F. To carry out _____
(Mat 18:15-17)

II. Responsibilities of the Church to its Elders

- A. _____ (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)
- B. _____ (Hebrews 13:17)
- C. _____ (Hebrews 13:18)

III. Reason for Church Membership

To protect the reputation of Christ from unrepentant sin in a Believer's life. (1 Cor 5:1-13; Eph 5:3-14; 2 Cor 7:8-12)

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