

MEMBERSHIP INTRODUCTION & ORIENTATION

LEXINGTON CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

PURPOSE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:

Understand that the journey to Christ does not end with baptism. Baptism is only the first step toward _____.

"I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. . . ."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

耶稣进前来，对他们说，天上，地下所有的权柄，都赐给我了。¹⁹ 所以你们要去，使万民作我的门徒，奉父子圣灵的名，给他们施洗。（或作给他们施洗归于父子圣灵的名）²⁰ 凡我所吩咐你们的，都教训他们遵守，我就常与你们同在，直到世界的末了。

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

Eph 4:14-15 (Ph)

使我们不再作小孩子，中了人的诡计，和欺骗的法术，被一切异教之风摇动，飘来飘去，就随从各样的异端。¹⁵ 惟用爱心说诚实话，凡事长进，连于元首基督。

" . . . that you may become mature Christians and may fulfill God's will for you."

Col 4:12b (Ph)

有你们那里的人，作基督耶稣仆人的以巴弗问你们安。他在祷告之间，常为你们竭力地祈求，愿你们在神一切的旨意上，得以完全。信心充足，能站立得稳。

PREREQUISITE FOR THIS CLASS

Attended Baptismal and Discipleship class or have been baptized in another church. You should understand:

1. what it means to be a Christian (that is, why you need Jesus and how to accept Jesus as your personal Savior)
2. understand who God is
3. understand who Jesus is
4. understand who the Holy Spirit is
5. understand what the Bible is
6. understand what Prayer is
7. understand what baptism is
8. understand what Holy Communion is
9. have a basic understanding of the blessings and responsibilities as a disciple

If you do not know some or all of these topics, you should consider taking the mentored Discipleship Class or taking a "refresher" course.

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

By acting in love toward other members
By refusing to gossip
By following the leaders

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." Rom 15:19 (Ph)

甚至我从耶路撒冷，直转到以利哩古，到处传了基督的福音。

"Live in complete harmony with each other -- each with the attitude of Christ toward each other." Rom 15:5 (LB)

但愿赐忍耐安慰的神，叫你们彼此同心，效法基督耶稣。

"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers. Love one another earnestly with all your hearts" 1 Peter 1:22(GN)

你们既因顺从真理，洁净了自己的心，以致爱弟兄没有虚假，就当从心里彼此切实相爱。从心里有古卷作从清洁的心

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..." Eph. 4:29

污秽的言语，一句不可出口，只要随事说造就人的好话，叫听见的人得益处。

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you." Heb 13:17

从前引导你们，传神之道给你们的人，你们要想念他们，效法他们的信心，留心看他们为人的结局。

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

By praying for its growth
By inviting the unchurched to attend
By warmly welcoming those who visit

"To the church . . . we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." 1 Thess. 1:2
你们原晓得我们凭主耶稣传给你们什么命令。

"Go out into the country. . . and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full." Luke 14:23(LB)

主人对仆人说，你出去到路上和篱笆那里，勉强人进来，坐满我的屋子。

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Rom 15:7 (LB)

所以你们要彼此接纳，如同基督接纳你们一样，使荣耀归与神