

Baptism Clas



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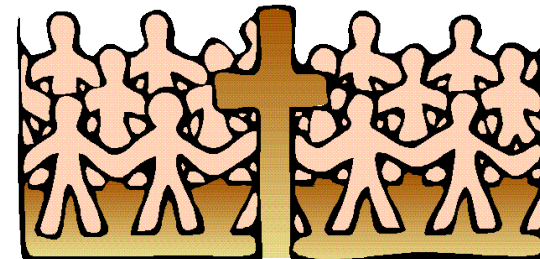
NOW WHAT?

- Growing and Church Membership -

The experience of baptism is very special, much like the birth of a child or the beginning of a marriage at a wedding. But it doesn't end there, its just the beginning. It is necessary to grow, learn, and develop. Important steps for growing:

- Be active in an ongoing Bible Study group.
- Fellowship and share with church members.
- Develop habits of prayer, personal devotions and reflections.
- Confession: Present your life before God. The more we know about God, the more conscious we are of sin in our lives. Ask Him to help you overcome temptation.
- Talk to others about the changes God is making in your life.
- Prepare for adversity...Satan wants to discourage, and deactivate your faith.
- Create a habit of seeking advice from your pastor and/or mature spiritual leaders. Develop a Christian mindset or viewpoint.

Next Course: Church Membership



MY TESTIMONY (Conclusion)

BEFORE BAPTISM: Write about what God has write has taught you throughout this experience and these lessons. How have your beliefs and understanding of baptism and being a church member changed or grown since starting this class. When the pastor asks you “Why do you want to be baptized?” What will you say?

AFTER BAPTISM: Over time we forget many things. Write down some of your favorite memories of the day of your baptism. When you go through moments of doubts and discouragement, it sometimes helps to re-read your reflections in this booklet to remember how God has rescued you and helped you grow.

MY TESTIMONY (Beginning of class)

You have approached your pastor to ask about being baptized, ...why? What has happened or changed in your life that has led you to this decision? Have you been baptized before? When you did you experience a change in your relationship to God? What motivates you to be baptized? How do you think baptism will impact your life? What does baptism mean to you?



LESSON 1 – WHAT WE SAY AND BELIEVE WHEN WE ARE BAPTIZED

(The purpose of this lesson is to study the topic of baptism but also to learn to use your Bible to find verses. The other lessons don't have as many verses...)

BAPTISM REVEALS A TRIUNE GOD

*Analyze Jesus' BAPTISM - Luke 3:21-22

- Who was present? (observe carefully)

- Why are God's Words so important at your BAPTISM?

*BAPTISM is the action of God as _____

-Matthew 28:19

-Acts 2:38-41

-Acts 10:47-48

-Acts 22:16

-Rom. 10:9, 10

*With _____ and _____

-Mat. 3:11

-Luke 3:16

-Acts 1:5

-Mark 1:8-10

*Other examples of BAPTISMS in the Bible - Acts 8; 16:14-15; 18:8

(The early church baptized people three times for each member of the Trinity!)

WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO BE BAPTIZED?

In BAPTISM we are connected to the _____ and _____ of Jesus

*Rom 6:1-4

*Col 2:11-12

*Acts 1:22

*1 Cor.15:3-4

*Symbolized in the Old Testament by which event?: 1 Cor.10:1-2

Look at the diagram on the next page.

How is BAPTISM related to this event?

*Symbolism of BAPTISM:

Summarize: What do you spiritually achieve through BAPTISM?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

-Mark 16:16

-Acts 2:38-41

(ex.: Conflict - BAPTISM of Jesus – Matthew 3:11-17)

BIBLE VERSES

Mark 16:16

Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

Romans 6:3-4

Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Matthew 3:11

"I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Matthew 28:19

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:1-6

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all.



YO QUIERO SER MAS COMO TÚ

//Yo quiero ser mas como tú//
 Yo quiero ser un vaso de tu amor,
 Yo quiero ser como tú.
 //Yo quiero ser mas como tú//
 Yo quiero ser alguien
 que tu puedes usar,
 yo quiero ser como tú.

YO SÉ QUE ESTÁS AQUÍ MI SEÑOR

//Yo sé que estás aquí mi Señor,
 Yo sé que estás aquí.//
 //Mi alma te alaba,
 mi alma te alaba
 Mi alma te alaba
 porque sé que estás aquí.//

El está junto a mí,
 ///Me guarda con poder.///
 El está junto a mí,
 Me guarda con poder.
 Cristo guarda con poder.

//Si en verdad eres salvo
 dí "Amen"... "¡Amen!"//
 Si en verdad eres salvo
 Thesstifica con tu vida,
 Si en verdad eres salvo
 dí "Amen"... "¡Amen!"

YO SOY FELÍZ

Yo soy feliz, yo soy feliz
 Porque Cristo me salvó.
 Ahora canto alegre
 Porque Cristo mi alma rescató.
 Volver atrás, no puedo más
 Porque el mundo
 nada me puede dar.
 Yo soy feliz, yo soy feliz
 Porque Cristo me salvó.

YO TENGO UN GOZO EN MI ALMA

Yo tengo un gozo en mi alma,
 gozo en mi alma,
 Gozo en mi alma y en mi ser.
 Son como ríos de agua viva,
 ríos de agua viva,
 Ríos de agua viva en mi ser.

Yo estoy aquí, Cristo me envió
 para decirte lo que me dió.
 Me dió la paz, me dió el amor
 y con su Spirit me bautizó.

Hermano, Cristo te ama,
 Cristo te ama, ámalo tú a Él
 Porque con Cristo todo es posible,
 ámalo tú a Él.

////Cristo mi roca es El////
 El no me desampara,
 Cristo no me deja,
 Cristo mi roca es El.
 Yo estoy aquí, Cristo me envió
 para decirte lo que me dió.
 Me dió la paz, me dió el amor
 y con su Spirit me bautizó.
 Hermano, Cristo te ama,
 Cristo te ama, amalo tú a El
 Porque con Cristo
 todo es posible, ámalo tú a El.



CONFESSION OF FAITH IN A TRIUNE GOD – We see the work of the Trinity in...

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 Gen 1:1-3,26
 Gen 3:22
 John 1:3, 10
 1 Cor. 8:6
 Ephes. 3:9
 Col. 1:16-17
 Heb. 1:2, 10
 Rev. 3:14

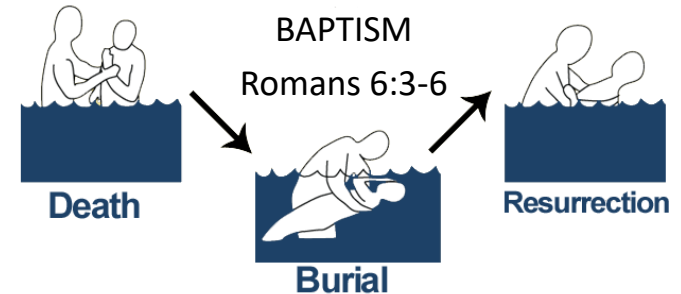


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 John 14:6
 Ephes.1:17

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 Isa 59:20
 Mat 20:28
 Mark 10:45
 Luke 2:38
 Acts 20:28
 Rom 3:24-26
 1Cor 1:30
 1Cor 6:20
 1Cor 7:23
 Gal 1:4
 Gal 2:20
 Gal 4:4-5
 Ephes 1:7
 Ephes 5:2
 Col 1:14, 20-22
 1Tim 2:6
 Tit 2:14
 Heb 9:12, 15
 1 Peter 1:18-19
 Rev. 5:9-10
 Ephes.4:30
 Rom.8:23
 According to these verses, what does it mean to "die" and to be "resurrected" in BAPTISM?



LESSON 2 – WHAT WE DO AND COMMIT TO WHEN WE ARE BAPTIZED

(The purpose of this lesson is to study the impact that Baptism has on the life of the believer. A second purpose is to help you develop an active prayer life).

REVIEW OF LESSON 1 –

Romans 6:3-4—What elements of Lesson 1 do you find in this Bible passage?

Let’s take another look at Jesus’ BAPTISM – Matthew 3:11-17

1. What was the disagreement or conflict between John and Jesus regarding Jesus’ BAPTISM?
2. What does this say about the purpose of BAPTISM?
3. If Jesus is perfect—without sin— why did he submit to being baptized?
4. What impact did BAPTISM have on Jesus’ life?
5. How is our BAPTISM similar and different than that of Jesus?
(See also, Acts 22:16)

SIMILAR	DIFFERENT

CORITARIO (p.3)

QUE MI VIDA ENTERA ESTÉ

Que mi vida entera esté
Consagrada a Ti, Señor;
Que mis manos pueda guiar
El impulso de tu amor.

(Coro)

Lávame en tu sangre, Salvador,
Límpieme de toda mi maldad.
Traigo a Ti mi vida para ser,
Señor, tuya por la eternidad.

Que mis pies tan sólo en pos
De lo santo puedan ir,
Y que a Ti, Señor, mi voz
Se complazca en bendecir.

Que mi tiempo todo esté
Consagrada a tu loor,
Que mis labios, al hablar,
Hablen sólo de tu amor.

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad,
Y hazla tuya, nada más;
Toma, sí, mi corazón,
Por tu trono lo tendrás.

Toma Tú mi amor, que hoy
A tus pies vengo a poner;
Toma todo lo que soy,
Todo tuyo quiero ser.

RENUÉVAME

Renuévame, Señor Jesus,
ya no quiero ser igual.
Renuévame, Señor Jesus,
pon en mi tu corazón.

Porque todo lo que hay
dentro de mí
necesita ser cambiado Señor.
Porque todo lo que hay
dentro de mi corazón,
necesita más de Tí.

SATURAME SEÑOR CON TU SPIRIT

//Satúrame, Señor, con tu Spirit
Satúrame, Señor, con tu Spirit.//
//Y déjame sentir el fuego de tu amor
Aquí en mi corazón, Señor//

SOMOS UNO

//Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno,
somos uno, uno sólo.//
Un solo Dios, un solo Señor,
una sola fe, un solo amor.
Un solo BAPTISM, un solo Spirit,
y ese el Consolador.

TAL COMO SOY SEÑOR

Tal como soy, Señor,
Sin nada que ofrecer
mas que mi canción.
No tengo mas que darte pues todo es
tuyo Señor.

Tal como soy, Señor,
Sin nada que entregar
mas que el corazón.
Me rindo todo a Tí; tómame Señor,
Tal como soy.

Acéptame como ofrenda de amor,
Como un sacrificio
agradable en tu honor.
Grato perfume yo quiero ser, Señor.



CORITARIO (p.2)

MARAVILLOSO ES

//Maravilloso es, maravilloso es
cuando pienso que Dios
me ama a mi.//

MUCHO MAS ABUNDANTEMENTE

//Mucho mas abundantemente
de lo que pedimos o entendemos
Jesucristo es mucho mas,
mucho mas en tu vida.//
//El es rey de reyes,
El es soberano.
El puede hacer en ti
mucho mas abundantemente.//

NO DARÉ MI AMOR

//No daré mi amor
a nadie mas que a El.//
//No daré mi amor a nadie mas,//
Porque solo El me puede sostener.

OH, GLORIA A DIOS

Oh, gloria a Dios
hay que nacer del agua.
Oh, gloria a Dios hay que nacer
del Spirit de Dios.
Oh, gloria a Dios hay que nacer
del agua y del Spirit de Dios.
Hay que nacer del Señor.
Oh, gloria a Dios hay que nacer
del agua y del Spirit de Dios.
Hay que nacer del Señor.

¿QUÉ ME PUEDE DAR PERDÓN?

¿Qué me puede dar perdón?
sólo de Jesus la sangre,
¿Y un nuevo corazón?
sólo de Jesus la sangre.

(Coro) Precioso es el raudal,
que limpia todo mal;
No hay otro manantial,
sólo de Jesus la sangre

Fue el rescate eficaz,
sólo de Jesus la sangre,
Trajo santidad y paz,
sólo de Jesus la sangre.

Veo para mi salud,
sólo de Jesus la sangre,
Tiene de sanar virtud,
sólo de Jesus la sangre.

Cantaré junto a sus pies,
sólo de Jesus la sangre.
El Cordero digno es,
sólo de Jesus la sangre.



LESSON 2—Cont.

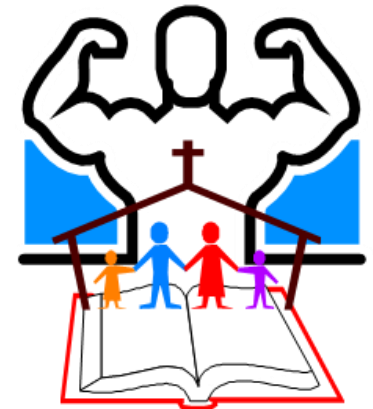
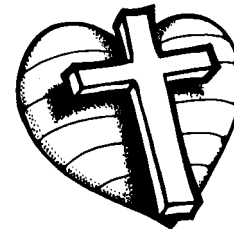
A. BAPTISM is _____.
Acts 2:38a
Acts 19:3-4;
Mark 1:4,5
(Study once again the story of Jesus' BAPTISM in Matthew 3)

B. BAPTISM is _____.
1 Peter 3:21
Acts 22:16
Tito 3:5
Col.2:12
2 Cor.5:17

C. BAPTISM is _____.
Acts 2:41-42
Luke 7:29-30

D. BAPTISM is _____.
Ephesians 2:10
1 Peter 2:21
1 Peter 4:1-2
Acts 2:38b
Acts 19:5
Gal.5:16-27
Rom.8:9, 12-14

E. What happens if we sin?
1 John 1:5-10
1 John 3:6-9
1 Thessal.3:13
1 Thessal.5:23
Philip.1:9-11



MONDAY - Bible Study: How do I grow as a Christian?

1. Opening question: In your opinion, how do you measure growth?

READ: Luke 2:39-52—Analysis Questions:

2. How is young Jesus' growth measured?

3. What did Jesus do to grow?

4. If Jesus is God, than why does he need to grow? Isn't Jesus perfect?

5. When you compare yourself to Jesus, in what areas of your life do you need to grow more?

6. What commitments will you make in order to grow more this year?



BAUTÍZAME SEÑOR CON TU SPIRIT
 ///Bautízame Señor con tu Spirit///
 Y déjame sentir el fuego de tu amor
 aquí en mi corazón, Señor.
 Y déjame sentir el fuego de tu amor
 aquí en mi corazón, Señor

CON MIS MANOS
 Con mis manos y mi vida
 te alabo, Señor, te alabo, Señor.
 Con mis manos y mi vida
 te alabo, bendito Señor.
 Porque Tú has sido
 ///precioso para mí.///
 Porque Tú has sido
 precioso para mí,
 te alabo, bendito Señor.

ERES TODOPODEROSO
 La unica razón de mi adoración
 Eres tú mi Jesus
 Mi único motivo para vivir
 eres tú, mi Señor

Mi única verdad está en tí
 eres mi luz y mi salvación
 Mi único amor eres tú Señor
 y por siempre te alabaré
 CORO
 (Tu) Eres todo poderoso
 Eres grande y majestuoso
 Eres fuerte, invencible
 y no hay nadie como tú



ESTAMOS DE FIESTA CON JESUS
 Estamos de fiesta con Jesus
 Al cielo queremos ir.
 Y todos reunidos a la mesa
 Es Cristo El que va servir.

(coro)
 //Poderoso es nuestro Dios,
 poderoso es nuestro Dios//

El sana, El salva
 Poderoso es nuestro Dios.
 Bautiza y viene,
 Poderoso es nuestro Dios.

FUISTE A LA CRUZ
 Fuiste a la cruz a morir por mi
 hoy te agradezco por amarme así
 le diste valor a mi vida Señor
 por eso te adoro, te adoro Cristo
 //Te amo Jesus,
 me cambiaste tu a mi,
 veo el anThess y ahora y soy feliz.//

GRACIA ADMIRABLE
 Oh gracia admirable, ¡dulce es!
 ¡Que a mí, pecador, salvó!
 Perdido estaba yo,
 mas vine a sus pies;
 fui ciego, visión me dio.

La gracia me enseñó a temer;
 del miedo libre fui.
 ¡Cuán bella esa gracia fue en mi ser,
 la hora en que creí!

Peligro, lucha y tentación,
 por fin los logré pasar;
 La gracia me libró de perdición,
 y me llevará al hogar.

Después de años mil de estar allí,
 en luz como la del sol:
 Podremos cantar por tiempo sin fin
 las glorias del Señor.

LESSON 5—REVIEW and PREPARATION

BAPTISM is: Proclaiming God’s triune nature and sovereignty to the world.

Matthew 28:19 - Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, [a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. .

BAPTISM is: Identifying with the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Romans 6:3,4 - Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in BAPTISM, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by BAPTISM. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

BAPTISM is: Repentance from sin and receiving power to overcome sin.

Matthew 3:11 - “I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

BAPTISM is: Commitment to a life of holiness, growing through the Word of God and the Christian disciplines.

Galatians 5:16 - So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves.
Ephesians 4:13 - This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

BAPTISM is: Initiation and membership in the Church, the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13 - Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

BAPTISM is: Cooperation with the Church in preparation for Christ’s return

1 Thessalonians 5:10-11—Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

PREPARATION

- What should I bring to my BAPTISM?
- What will be the order of worship and of BAPTISM?
- What will I say at my BAPTISM?
- How will the pastor baptize me?
- How will I get changed afterward?
- What questions do I have?



LESSON 2—ASSIGNMENT Cont.

Prayer Journal - Elements of Prayer

TUESDAY (Confession)

Look again at your notes from section A (from page 6), what sins do you confess to God today? (Be specific) Write here....



WEDNESDAY (Gratitude and Praise)

Look at your notes from section B (p.6), how are you experiencing a new life now? Write a prayer of gratitude for these changes ...

THURSDAY (Commitment and intercession)

Look at your notes on this week's ASSIGNMENT (Luke 2: 39-52) and section C (p.6) of the lesson, write a prayer to God in which you reflect on the steps you are going to take to grow more spiritually and help another grow....

FRIDAY (Petition)

Look at your notes from section D, in what areas of your life do you need more power from the Holy Spirit? What feelings are God's plans or good works that God has ahead of you in your life? Write a sentence of at least two questions that you want to ask God about his future....



LESSON 3 — WHO WE ARE AND WE BELONG WHEN WE ARE BAPTIZED

(The purpose of this lesson is to study the impact of BAPTISM in terms of membership in the Church. Also, another purpose is to discover ways that one can serve others in the church).

1. BAPTISM is entrance to a community of faith

* Acts 2: 38-41, 47

* 1Cor. 12:13

2. BAPTISM as a sign of having been forgiven and our duty towards those of the community of faith:

* We are responsible for each other

(Luke 17: 3; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24)

* Confessing our sins to one another (James 5:16)

* Confronting each other (Mat. 18:15; Gal. 6: 1; 1 Thess. 5:11)

* Forgiving one another (Ephes. 4:32; Col. 3:13)

* Discipline among committed church members only

(1 Cor. 5: 9-13; Matthew 18: 15-20)

Pastoral Thoughts on Membership in a Local Church

- After reading these pastoral reflections, ask questions or comments.

* The Christian Church is Universal, only Christ decides its membership. The local church is an association of people who have made a profession of Christian faith and wish to congregate with a particular group to be instructed in the ways of the Lord, to become involved in activities of Christian charity, and to develop Christian maturity in the formation of their character. (Acts 10: 24-25; Ephesians 4: 4-16)

* The local church life is voluntary membership... but it is also a commitment. One advantage of local membership is learning how to make commitments and be accountable to them.

LESSON 4—Cont.

Controversial Points between Christians and what our church practices

A. What does “BAPTISM of the Holy Spirit” mean?

1. Pentecostal Viewpoint (and in the Methodist and Wesleyan Churches)

a) John 20:22

b) Acts 1: 4-8; 2: 4; 11:16

c) Acts 8: 12-17

d) Acts 19: 1-6

Belief in _____ BAPTISMS or experiences?

2. Analysis

a) Matthew 3:11; Mark 1: 8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33

From whom is the BAPTISM received from / with the Holy Spirit?

b) Acts 1: 6; 11:16

What event is covered in this description of Spirit's BAPTISM?

c) According to 1 Corinthians 12:13, how many BAPTISMS are there?

When does this happen?

d) But what about the disciples who believed (were baptized

above) and then Jesus gave them the Holy Spirit in John 20:22?

e) The promise of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Num 11:29; Jer. 31: 31-33; Ezek.36: 26-27; Joel 2: 28-29

f) Inauguration of a new stage and the disciples are in a time of transition

- Let's look again at Acts 8 (Samaria), 10 (Cornelius) and 19 (Ephesus)

3. What we practice in our congregation

- Fullness of the Spirit and Special Experiences

B. Another controversy: Why do some practice child BAPTISM?

**LESSON 4—BAPTISM CREATES UNITY AND DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH
(One Single BAPTISM and One Single Spirit / Gifts and Fullness of the Holy Spirit /The Church and local churches)**

(The purpose of this lesson is to study the diversity that exists in views about BAPTISM and the responsibilities of the member and their relationship with other Christians, including the use of their spiritual gifts to serve others. The main points of classes 1-3 and preparations for BAPTISM.)

Review de lesson3 - Questions you have about being a member of the church ...

STUDY: Unity and Diversity - Read Ephesians 4: 1-16; 1 Corinthians 12

UNITY OF THE CHURCH: Name the things that unite Christians in these scriptures.	DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH: Mention the ways in which diversity is seen in the Church according to these biblical

LESSON 3—Cont.

- * The life of the local church has as its main purpose to direct each believer to worship, praise and surrender his life before a Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- * The local church life is like writing a book: it has a beginning, middle, and end. Unfortunately many change from church to church and never enjoy the benefits of a long-term partnership. We enter the lives of others to walk together for a season in our lives and trust that God led us here to work in our lives and in the lives of others. Even after separating, we continue to be family in Christ.
- * The local church life is effective in changing my life as I become involved in it, and that I attend for the purpose of being transformed into the image of Christ (rather than looking for a church that merely accommodates to my liking). We accept responsibility for the Christian growth of one another.
- * The local church life is to help us fellowship, support and enhance the Universal Church, not to distance ourselves / isolate us, or distinguish ourselves from it. However, the local church recognizes a member who is distinguished in Christian service and maturity.
- * The local church life has a leadership under which I submit to learn, while watching over it to ensure that it fulfills the purposes of Christ. It is not dictatorship, nor is it manipulation of some others by others, nor is it a complete democracy. It is mutual responsibility. Nor is it to surrendering our responsibility for living the Christian life to others - each is responsible for directing his life and home according to the Word of God in integrity, wisdom and purity.
- * The local church life is life in Christian community, it is not just a group of individuals... it is learning to work as a team, as a unit.
- * The local church life is family life - the laboratory for learning to live *koinonia*: getting along, loving, supporting one another (despite our differences). It is learning about love and how to overcome the obstacles that separate us as human beings and sinners.
- * The local church life is the opportunity to discover, practice, and exercise your spiritual gifts to serve others. It is learning that we come to church to serve, not to be served.
- * The local church life is to join forces for the task of leading others to know our Lord and Savior. It is understanding that we are all responsible for taking God's Word to the world and that together we can do much more than individually.

LESSON 3—Cont.

1. What do you think about the pastor's reflections on church membership?

2. What, for you, would be the most difficult part of being a church member?

What, for you, would be the easiest part of church membership?

LESSON 3—Cont.

3. How can being a church member help you develop as a Christian?

4. Why do you think people change membership in local churches? What would be healthy reasons to change churches? Which would be unhealthy reasons? (This topic is discussed in greater depth in the Membership Course)