

Life Church

going to church or claiming to follow Jesus is not enough!

Matthew 7:21-29; Matthew 21:28-32; Acts 5:1-11

In Acts chapter 2:1-40 we read about the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church and Peter's subsequent spirit-led sermon. Those who heard him responded: *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. - Acts 2:42*

Here we can see that following Jesus includes:

- Bible teaching and study
- Fellowship
- The Lord's Supper / Communion
- Prayer

The rest of the chapter (Acts 2:43-47) shows them worshipping together, sharing what they had like family, and experiencing God's supernatural power.

Stay In Touch!

Ask about our other handouts, check out our web site, and sign up for one of our courses.

Follow the **"E-mail Lists"** link on our web site to join our Connect List.

Scriptures

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Follow the **"e-Life"** link on our web site to join our online community.



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Purposeful Lives Making a Powerful Difference!

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Welcome to Life Church!

Are you a Christian?

Consider following Jesus with us!

Not sure?

We can help you figure it out!

Curious?

We welcome your questions!

Here are a few things that anyone coming to Life Church should know.

About Us

Visiting Us

Since 2003 we've been meeting on Sundays for worship, teaching, and fellowship, and in small groups during the week - ask about joining one!

On first Sundays we celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion) and, instead of a formal sermon, we have prayer, testimonies, or questions & answers.

<http://www.lifechurchboston.org/>

Mission

Our mission is to teach people:

to enjoy knowing Jesus without fear, inadequacy, guilt, or shame,

Acts 2:41-47; Acts 4:31-37; Romans 8:28-39; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1John 4:13-18

to follow him together as his family,
Mark 10:23-31; Acts 2:41-47; Acts 4:31-37

to function together as his body,
Romans 12:1-16; 1Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:7-16

and to work together to expand his kingdom and glorify him.

Matthew 5:13-14; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:41-47; Acts 5:12-16

Giving

Giving is a form of worship and God wants us to give cheerfully rather than reluctantly (2 Corinthians 8 - 9). We are supported by our members and friends, so we don't want visitors to feel pressured at offering time. If you want to contribute, please use an offering envelope and make any checks payable to: Life Church (or use our web site: <http://www.lifechurchboston.org/>).

Pastoral Leadership Team

Gayle Baxter, William Baxter, Rocklyn & Eva Clarke (founders), Al Copeland, Valerie Copeland, Crystal Dixon, Michael Dixon, Bil Mooney-McCoy, Paulea Mooney-McCoy.

Let us help you fulfill your ministry!
Ephesians 4:7-16

About God

The Good News (Gospel)
Through Jesus God has become king and his Kingdom is within your grasp!

God created a wonderful world, but human rebellion has broken it.

Genesis 1 - 2; Psalm 8; Genesis 3 - 6; Romans 1:18-32; Romans 8:18-27

God is recreating the world through his kingdom (government).

Ephesians 1:3-10; Matthew 25:31-46; Hebrews 12:25-29; Revelation 21:1 - 22:5

God's kingdom is a family that he wants us to join!

Matthew 12:46-50; Ephesians 3:14-15; Hebrews 2:10-15; 1Peter 4:17-19; Revelation 22:1-5

We join God's family by repenting and following Jesus!

Matthew 4:17-22; Matthew 17:1-8; Luke 9:23-25; John 6:25-29; John 10:22-30

Jesus

Jesus is God's eternal, unique son who announced God's Kingdom, died for the world's sins, and rose bodily from the dead in victory. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell his story. He is the Christ, or Messiah - God's Chosen King and the world's true Lord. He reveals who God really is.

1 Corinthians 15; Acts 2:14-36; Matthew 11:25-30; Colossians 1:15-23; Hebrews 1:1-4

Following Jesus



The Bible uses many terms to describe those who follow Jesus: believer, born again, Christian, disciple, saint, saved.

Believer - someone who believes in or has faith in Jesus and therefore follows him.

John 4:39-41; Acts 2:44-47; Acts 4:31-32; Galatians 6:9-10; James 2:1

Born again - those who believe in Jesus are born again from God's Spirit. You must be born again to see or enter the Kingdom of God.

John 3:1-21

Christian - means "belonging to Christ" "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch" - *Acts 11:19-26*

Disciples - those who are trained by the one they are following.

Matthew 5:1-2; Acts 6:1-7; Acts 9:1-31; Acts 11:19-26; Acts 18:23

Saints - those who are "sanctified", or set apart for God's use.

Romans 1:1-8; Ephesians 1:1-2; Philippians 1:1-2

Saved - those who by following Jesus have been rescued from this world and God's wrath.

Luke 8:12; Luke 8:4-15; John 10:1-9; Acts 2:17-21; Acts 4:8-12; Romans 10:1-13

Those who belong to Jesus (i.e. "Christians") hear his voice and follow him, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

John 10:22-30; John 14:15-31; John 16:5-16

Only those who follow Jesus in a public, verifiable way are Christians. Merely

Life Church - Sunday August 31, 2014

▼ Welcome To Life Church - Part 2

- **Key Material:** “Welcome To Life Church” brochure

▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

▼ Understand and be able to explain the following:

- Our commitment to helping people know where they stand with God.
- Our commitment to helping people find answers to their questions.
- When, how, and why we meet as a church.
- The Life Church Mission.
- Giving at Life Church.
- The Good News (Gospel).
- Who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.
- How to stay connected to Life Church online.

▼ **Discussion Questions**

- Which of the brochure terms for following Jesus is the most meaningful to you? Why?
- Which of these terms is least meaningful to you? Why?
- Which of these terms do you hear most used by others?
- Which of these terms is most misused?
- Use one or more relevant Bible passages to explain to someone else your relationship with Jesus.
- Are there any scriptures from this brochure that you find particularly meaningful or particularly confusing? Discuss.
- Is there anything else in this brochure that you find particularly meaningful or particularly confusing? Discuss.

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