### STEP 3: CONNECT

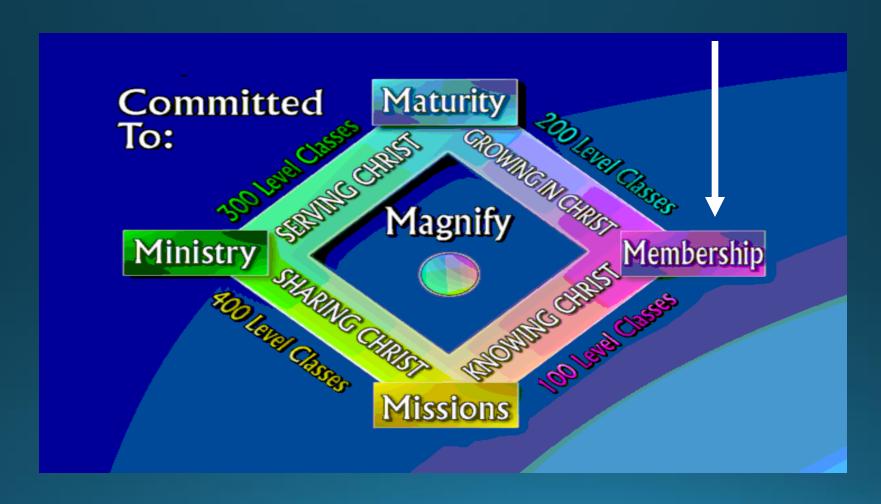
CLASS 301

Jubilee Christian

Church

# Introduction To Small Group, Baptisms & Giving

### Knowing Christ!!!



# Strengthening the Congregation!



#### THE HABIT OF FELLOWSHIP

1. I <u>BELONG</u> IN GOD'S FAMILY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS.

"Let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Gal. 6:10

### 2. I NEED <u>ENCOURAGEMENT</u> TO GROW SPIRITUALLY.

"Let us think of one another and how we can encourage each other to love and do good deeds." Heb. 10:24 (Ph)

3. I NEED <u>ACCOUNTABILITY</u> TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

"People learn from one another just as iron sharpens iron." Prov. 27:17 (GN)



4. CHRIST IS <u>PRESENT</u> WHEN WE FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER.



"For wherever two or three have come together in My name, I am there, right among them!"

Matt 18:20 (GN)

### 5. THERE IS <u>POWER</u> WHEN PEOPLE PRAY TOGETHER.

WHY IS FELLOWSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

"Whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven."

Matt. 18:19 (GN)

6. FELLOWSHIP IS A WITNESS TO THE WORLD.

(Jesus) "My prayer for all of them is that they will be of one heart and mind .. so the world will believe You sent Me."

John 17:21(LB)

7. I AM *OBLIGATED* TO EVERY OTHER CHRISTIAN

"God has given you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other ..."

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Peter 4:10 (LB)

### The "One Anothers" of Fellowship Serve one another Gal. 5:13 Accept one another Rom 15:7 Forgive one another Col. 3:13 Greet one another Rom 16:16 Bear one another's burdens Gal. 6:2 Be devoted to one another Rom. 12:10 Honor one another Rom. 12:10 Teach one another Rom 15:14 Submit to one another Eph. 5:21 Encourage one another 1 Thess. 5:11



HOW CAN A LARGE CHURCH MAINTAIN CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS?



EVERY MEMBER NEEDS TO BE A PART OF A <u>SMALL GROUP</u>.



2 Types of Church Meetings



**Large Group:** 



**Small Group:** 



At Jubilee Christian, we believe our church must ... grow <u>LARGER</u> and <u>SMALLER</u> at the same time.

# WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR SMALL GROUPS? (JCARE)

#### 1. BIBLE STUDY

"They **DEVOTED THEMSELVES** to the apostle's teaching ..."

#### 2. FELLOWSHIP

" ...and to the fellowship ..."

#### 3. COMMUNION

" ... and to the breaking of bread ..."

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR SMALL GROUPS?

#### 4. PRAYER

"... and to prayer ..."

#### 5. SUPPORT

" ... they gave to anyone as he had a need ..."

#### 6. SOCIAL

"... they ate together with glad and sincere hearts ..."

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR SMALL GROUPS?

#### 7. PRAISE

"... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people."

#### 8. OUTREACH

"And the Lord added to their number **daily** those who were being saved."

### TO JOIN JCARE SMALL GROUP

Text 'jcare' to 69922 on your phone

### QUIZ 1

What is the Purpose of our Small Groups?

#### THE HABIT OF TITHING

WHY
GOD
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METO
GIVE

### 1. GIVING MAKES ME *LIKE GOD!*

"God so **loved** the world that **He gave** his only Son ..." John 3:16

# WHY GOD WANTS METO GIVE



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!* 

## WHY GOD WANTS ME TO GIVE

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

## WHY GOD WANTS ME TO GIVE

#### 5. GIVING IS AN INVESTMENT IN ETERNITY!

"... Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven it is the only safe investment for eternity. 1 Tim 6:18-19 (LB)

6. GIVING
BLESSES ME IN
RETURN!

"A generous man himself will be blessed." Prov. 22:9 WHY
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# WHY GOD WANTS ME TO GIVE





7. GIVING <u>MAKES ME</u> HAPPY! "THERE IS MORE HAPPINESS IN GIVING THAN IN RECEIVING."
ACTS 20:35

# WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES...TITHING

WHAT IS TITHING?

"Tithe" means "a <u>10TH</u> part"

# WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

..TITHING



WHAT IS THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A
"TITHE" AND AN
"OFFERING"?



•A "tithe" is giving the *FIRST 10TH* of my income.



•An "offering" is anything I give *IN ADDITION* to my tithe.

#### WHY SHOULD ITITHE?



1. Because God <u>COMMANDS</u>
<u>IT!</u>

2. Because Jesus COMMENDED IT!

3. Tithing demonstrates that God has <u>1ST PLACE IN MY</u> LIFE.

#### WHY SHOULD ITITHE?

- 4. Tithing reminds me that <u>EVERYTHING</u>

  <u>I HAVE</u> was given to me by God!
- 5. Tithing expresses my <u>LOVE TO THE LORD!</u>
- 6. God says that refusing to tithe is <u>STEALING</u> from Him!

#### WHY SHOULD ITITHE?

7. Tithing gives God a chance to prove <u>THAT HE</u> <u>EXISTS</u> and wants to bless you!

8. Tithing proves that I LOVE GOD.

#### WHAT SHOULD ITITHE?

The <u>1ST</u> part of what I earn, not the <u>LEFTOVERS!</u>

"Honor the Lord by giving Him the **first part** of all your income."

Prov. 3:9-10

# WHERE SHOULD I GIVE MY TITHE?



WHERE I WORSHIP!



"Bring your **whole** tithe to My Storehouse (Temple) ..." Mal. 3:10

### WHEN SHOULD ITITHE? <u>WEEKLY!</u>

WHERE SHOULD I GIVE MY TITHE?

"On the first day of every week, set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn." 1 Cor. 16:2 (LB)

## GIVING WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDES



#### • GIVE <u>WILLINGLY!</u>

"For if the willingness is there, your gift is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don't have."

2 Cor. 9:12

• GIVE CHEERFULLY!

"... for God loves a cheerful giver!"

2 Cor. 9:7

### GIVING WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDES

#### GIVE <u>SACRIFICIALLY!</u>

"They gave as much as they were able, and even **beyond their ability**. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service ..." 2 Cor. 8:3-4

### GIVING WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDES

• GIVE **EXPECTANTLY!** 

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously will reap generously."

2 Cor. 9:6

#### QUIZ 2

# What is the Tithe and why should I give it?

### The Meaning

about baptism!

### I. Why Should I Be Baptized?

1. To follow the example set by <u>JESUS</u>.

"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river."

Mark 1:9

### I. Why Should I Be Baptized?

2. Because Christ COMMANDS it.

"Jesus said, 'Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matt. 28:19-20

### I. Why Should I Be Baptized?

3. It demonstrates that I really am a BELIEVER.

"...many of the people who heard him **believed** and were **baptized**." Acts 18:8

1. It illustrates
Christ's <u>DEATH</u>
and resurrection

"Christ died for our sins... He was buried...and He rose again." 1 Cor. 15:3-4

# II. What is the meaning of baptism?

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2. It illustrates my <u>NEW</u>
<u>LIFE</u> as a Christian.

"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!" 2 Cor. 5:17

### III. Why Be Baptized By Immersion?

Because JESUS was baptized that way.

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water." Matthew 3:16

### III. Why Be Baptized By Immersion?

The word "Baptize" means to <u>DIP UNDER</u> water".

The Greek word baptizo means "to immerse or dip under water".

# IV. Who Should be Baptized?

EVERY PERSON WHO HAS BELIEVED IN CHRIST

V. When Should I Be Baptized?

- As soon as you have believed!
- Can my family be baptized together?
- What should I wear when I am baptized?
- Will I have to say anything?
- Special Needs?

#### QUIZ 3

How should one be baptized?

#### The role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.

- a. He gives spiritual satisfaction and assurance Jn. 7:37-39; Romans 8:14-16; Gal 4:6.
- b. He teaches and guides us Jn. 14:26; Lk. 12:12; Lk 2:20; 1 Cor 2:13

- c. He endues us with power and boldness for services. Acts 1:8; Lk 24:49; Rom 8:11.
- d. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray and praise God Rom 8:26.27; Jude 20;. Acts 2:4; 1 Cor 14:2; 14-15.
- e. He comforts our hearts in times of distress Jn. 14:16,17; Jn. 15:26; Jn 16:7-14.

f. He gives us gifts for effective ministration and goodness godly fruits in our lives as we yield unto Him - Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor 12:4-7; Gal 5:22-23.

Instances of Holy Spirit Baptism

Acts 2:3:4: Acts 6:14-17;

Acts 10:44-48; Acts 15-16





- a. Desire Mark 11:24; John 7:37-39.
- b. Ask Luke 11:9-13.
- c. Believe James 1:6-8.
- d. Act in faith by doing the speaking Acts. 2:4

# The Meaning of the Lord's Supper

1. It is a <u>SIMPLE ACT</u>.

"The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread..." (vs. 23)

2. It is a **REMINDER**.

"...and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is My body, which is for you; eat it in remembrance of Me.'" (vs. 24)

3. It is a <u>SYMBOL</u>.

"In the same way, He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood; drink it to remember Me." (vs. 25)





4. It is a STATEMENT OF FAITH.

"For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes back." (vs. 26)

II. Who Should Take The Lord's Supper?

Only those who are already <u>BELIEVERS</u>. (Mark 14:22-26)

"For anyone who eats and drinks <u>without</u> recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment upon himself."

2 Cor. 11:29

### III. How Do I Prepare Myself For The Lord's Supper?

"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord <u>in an unworthy manner</u> will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A person ought to examine himself <u>before he eats</u> of the bread and drinks of the cup."

1 Cor. 11:27-28

IV. When and How Often Should We Observe The Lord's Supper?

Jesus never said when or how often believers should observe The Lord's Supper. He instituted it on a Thursday night. Since it is a 'supper', it may seem more appropriate to observe it at an evening service.

#### QUIZ 4

### Who should take the Communion?

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