

A photograph of a person's hand pointing at an open book, likely a Bible, in a church setting. The background is blurred, showing other people and greenery. A large, semi-transparent white arrow points downwards from the top text to the bottom text.

DISCOVER NEW LIFE

GROW IN COMMUNITY

CLASS TWO

PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE



NEW LIFE
CHURCH

Follow Christ. Grow in Community. Love Others.

WELCOME!

We are glad that you have taken the time to learn more about who we are at New Life Church and what our church can mean in your life. Through a series of three classes, we want to give you a sense of what we are all about! We will cover our mission, vision and core values, as well as, the fundamentals of the faith and the basic spiritual disciplines needed for walking with Christ. Our goal is to help you gain a deeper understanding of God's plan for your life and prayerfully consider membership here. Thank you for being here!

SIGNS OF NEW LIFE:

In the New Life Church community, we express our values and live out our mission in three key areas that we refer to as the Signs of New Life:



FOLLOW CHRIST



GROW IN COMMUNITY



LOVE OTHERS

These series of classes are designed to share these Signs of New Life with you and discuss them to give you a better sense of who New Life Church is as a community of believers.

INTRODUCTION OF CLASSES

The Discover New Life Classes are designed to help you become a *fully matured follower of Jesus Christ*. These classes are made up of three components that equip new members to 1) connect with the mission and core values of New Life, 2) discover the spiritual impact growth that communities can have on their spiritual development, and 3) learn how to use their God-given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others within and outside of the church family.

Each class helps you take a step closer to realizing God's plan for your life and ultimately, connecting with other people and communities within our church where you can grow in your walk with Christ together.

CLASS ONE: FOLLOW CHRIST (First Sunday of every month)

The Goal of this Class:

To become better acquainted with our story, the mission, values and beliefs of New Life Church. To connect with others who are interested in plugging into New Life and have the opportunity to become a church member.

CLASS TWO: GROW IN COMMUNITY (Second Sunday of every month)

The Goal of this Class:

To discover how much we value seeing the Church as a Community of believers growing together and serving together. We will learn what it means to grow spiritually and how that is done at New Life. This class will explore why relational growth communities are critical to our growth as a Christian.

CLASS THREE: LOVE OTHERS (Third Sunday of every month)

The Goal of this Class:

To discover and understand how our personal and spiritual makeup reveals the path to our purpose. In this class, we will learn where we fit in service to others. We will also discover our Spiritual Gifts, and the serving and discipleship communities that we may utilize them in.

CLASS TWO: GROW IN COMMUNITY

PART ONE:

UNDERSTANDING RELATIONAL COMMUNITIES

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.
Acts 2:46-47 (NKJV)

PART ONE: UNDERSTANDING RELATIONAL COMMUNITIES

THE GOAL OF THIS CLASS:

The goal of this class is to help our members understand the biblical foundations of discipleship. It covers the biblical call to include other believers in our walk with God. It also provides opportunities to get plugged in to a Life Group, Discipleship Class or a Serving Community (ministry) at New Life where people experience growth through authentic, godly relationships.

Through this class we hope to discover how highly New Life values seeing the church as a community of believers growing and serving together. We will learn what it means to grow spiritually, as well as, how that is done at New Life. This class will explore why relational growth communities are critical to our growth as a Christian.

I. WHAT ARE RELATIONAL “COMMUNITIES”?

New Life Church seeks to grow people by connecting them to each other, and to Christ through discipleship systems that we call “**Relational Communities**”.

‘*Relational Communities*’ are discipleship environments where spiritual growth takes place in small groups of believers studying of the Word of God, praying for each other, serving in ministry together, encouraging each other and building close relational connections that promote spiritual and personal growth. Throughout the New Testament we see the early church coming together for prayer, fellowship and teaching in deeply healthy and relational communities (**Acts 2:42**).

We believe that these ‘*relational communities*’ are the primary way that discipleship and ministry service was modeled for us in scripture. Repeatedly in the Bible, we are called to ‘*love one another*’, ‘*pray for one another*’, ‘*forgive one another*’, ‘*encourage one another*’... Simply put, we can’t grow and thrive in Christ without ‘*one another*’.

II. THE BIBLICAL MODEL FOR RELATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Acts 2:42-47 (NKJV) – ⁴² *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.* ⁴³ *Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.* ⁴⁴ *Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,* ⁴⁵ *and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.*

⁴⁶ *So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,* ⁴⁷ *praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”*

III. FOUR KEY COMPONENTS OF RELATIONAL COMMUNITIES:

1. A “**Scripturally Committed Community**” “...and they continued steadfastly in the Apostles’ doctrine...”
2. A “**Spiritually Connected Community**” “...in the breaking of bread (communion) and in prayers...”
3. A “**Safe and Confrontational Community**” “...Then fear came upon every soul...”
4. A “**Sincerely Caring Community**” “...Now all who believed ...had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.”

Note: For additional information on the Biblical context for Relational Communities, please see the Appendix.

IV. WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY RELATIONAL COMMUNITIES HERE AT NEW LIFE?

At New Life Church, there are two primary “Relational Communities”:

1. _____ Communities

- A. Small Group Environments (also called Life Groups)
- B. Discipleship Class Environments (New Life Bible Institute and Mid-week Corporate Bible Study)

Note: Discipleship Communities are discussed in Part Three of this Class on page 11.

2. _____ Communities (Ministry Service Environments)

- A. New Life’s ‘*servicing communities*’ are our church’s Ministries that offer numerous service opportunities that focus on meeting the many needs of people within and outside of our church.

There are over 40 ministry service communities at New Life, and they are divided into three ministry categories (Inreach, Outreach and Up-reach).

Note: Serving Communities are discussed in Class Three: Love Others

A Quick Check Up...

GROW IN COMMUNITY: PART ONE

1. Name the four key components of relational communities.

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____

2. What are the two primary relational communities at New Life Church?

- A. _____
- B. _____

PART TWO:

THE GOAL OF DISCIPLESHIP: GROWING SPIRITUALLY

“Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God’s Son, growing into a mature man with a stature measured by Christ’s fullness.”

Ephesians 4:13 (CSB)

PART TWO - DISCIPLESHIP: GROWING SPIRITUALLY

I. WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

1. Discipleship is the process of growing people into _____ and _____ followers (disciples) of Jesus Christ. Discipleship is most effective when it is experienced practically in the everyday areas of our lives.

1 Timothy 4:7 CSB– “...We also pray that you become fully mature.”

Colossians 1:28 “...Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians 4:14-15 – “Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ ... we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

II. WHAT IS “SPIRITUAL MATURITY”?

1. Spiritual Maturity is _____ !

Romans 8:29 TLB – “For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him... should become like his Son...”

2. Spiritual Maturity is _____.
3. Spiritual Maturity is a _____.
4. Spiritual Maturity takes _____.

A. The Biblical term ‘ _____ ’ comes from the word ‘discipline’.

III. UNDERSTANDING DISCIPLESHIP

1. Discipleship must always be rooted in the teachings of the _____ of _____. (**Word of God**)

The Word of God is critical to our discipleship and should serve the following functions in our daily lives:

- A. We should live our lives governed by the _____ of the Word of God. (**Authority**)
 - B. We make life decisions according to the _____ of the Word of God. (**Wisdom**)
 - C. Our moral convictions come from the _____ of the Word of God. (**Principles**)
 - D. Our spiritual disciplines come from the _____ of the Word of God. (**Practices**)
 - E. Our faith in God is strengthened by the _____ of the Word of God. (**Promises**)
2. Discipleship is designed for _____ to go make other _____. (**Disciples Disciples**)

1. In your own words define discipleship:

2. Name 5 functions the Word of God serves to assist us in growing as a disciple in our daily lives.

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____

PART THREE:

DISCIPLESHP COMMUNITIES: HOW NEW LIFE MEMBERS GROW SPIRITUALLY

“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you, but have taught you publicly and from house to house.”

Acts 20:20 (NIV)

PART THREE – DISCIPLESHIP COMMUNITIES: HOW NEW LIFE MEMBERS GROW SPIRITUALLY

I. WHY ARE DISCIPLESHIP COMMUNITIES THE BEST ENVIRONMENTS FOR GROWING BELIEVERS?

1. Discipleship happens best in the context of healthy _____ .
2. These healthy, relational environments at New Life are known as “ _____ ”
 - A. Small Groups and Biblical Classes all provide opportunities for spiritual growth to take place, all in the context of healthy and impactful relationships.
3. **“Discipleship Communities” are smaller groups which provide:**
 - A. A place for _____ .
Acts 2:42a – “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching...”
 - B. A place to _____ with others.
Acts 2:42b – “...and to prayer...”
 - C. A place to _____ with others.
Ephesians 4:16 – “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love...”
Proverbs 27:17 – “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”
 - D. A place to receive _____ from others.
Acts 2:45 – “...they gave to anyone as he had need ...”
 - E. A place to _____ with others.
Acts 2:47a – “...praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.”
 - F. A place to _____ others
Acts 2:47b – “And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”
 - G. A place to _____ with others.
Acts 4:32 – “...Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.”
 - H. A place to _____ in others.
1 John 3:16; 4:11 – “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.” ... “Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”
4. **New Life has Two types of “Discipleship Communities” – Both of these communities embody each of the four key components of ‘Relational Communities’ (see Part 1, section IV)**
 - A. **Discipleship Community #1: SMALL GROUPS** (Also known as **“Life Groups”**)
 - a. **How Small Groups work at New Life:**
 - i. Small Groups are designed to shrink the size of the congregation and ignite genuine fellowship with a group of like-minded believers.
 - ii. Through Small Groups, members develop a deeper intimacy with God, experience real community and increase their influence and witness with unbelievers.

- iii. Each group is based on a varying range of criteria, such as: age, gender, marital status, etc.
- iv. Each group determines their own meeting frequency and location.
- v. Participation in these groups can be long-term or short-term, depending on what is most comfortable for each participant.

b. There are three categories of Small Groups at New Life Church

- i. **Life Groups – *Life Groups*** are Bible study groups that vary in interest, topics, age and marital status. These groups meet in homes throughout the city and are great ways to establish long-term discipling relationships.
- ii. **New Believer’s Small Group** – The *New Believer’s Small Group* is a group Bible study specifically designed to aid new believers in understanding the truth of the Gospel, and how to successfully start their new walk with Jesus Christ.
- iii. **Starting Point Small Group** – *Starting Point Small Group* is a group discussion that is designed to be a **safe place** for individuals to ask **hard questions** about faith, God and His plan for life. We don’t profess to have all the answers, but we are committed to pointing people to the One who does.

Regardless of your age, interest or location, we are sure that there is a group for you. If you would like to join one of our small groups, simply visit our website and check out our online directory of groups, or visit the Information Center at the New Life campus. We would love for you to get connected!

B. Discipleship Community #2: DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES (Also known as “New Life Bible Institute” – NLBI)

- a. These classes cover a variety of Biblical topics and are offered throughout the week.
- b. The make-up of these discipleship classes will vary dependent on the topics that each class will cover.
- c. Our discipleship class sizes are kept small to encourage intimate relational environments, but unlike Life Groups, they are conducted on the New Life Church campus.
- d. Participation in these classes is short term. A typical class topic normally ranges from 6 to 8 weeks in duration.
- e. Each discipleship class has the goal of teaching the Word of God in an easy-to-understand, practical way. You will not only establish great relationships and grow in your walk with God, you will also see the Bible in a whole new light and learn how it intersects with your everyday life and experiences.

5. Let’s look at what it means to be a part of a “Discipleship Community” at New Life.

New Life’s discipleship communities are a group of people at varying levels of spiritual development, gathered together around the study of the scriptures for the purpose of applying its truths to their everyday lives.

A. Each Discipleship Community at New Life focuses on 3 things:

- a. **Our Relationship with _____.**

There is no higher goal of discipleship than for each disciple to develop a strong and healthy relationship with God. This is the main focus of discipleship communities at New Life. Our aim is for you to know God more intimately, love Him more deeply and serve Him more passionately than you ever have before.

- b. **Our Relationship with each _____.**

Nothing is more evident in discipleship than the truth that we need each other. Being in a discipleship community allows us to both encourage others with our story, and then to be encouraged by others with their story. Everyone in our discipleship communities each bring with them unique contributions of wisdom, insight, encouragement, hope and support. Our discipleship communities allow for every person to have a hand in every other person’s growth.

c. **Our Relationship with the _____ around us.**

We all live in different worlds. We all have different families, careers, jobs, friends, causes we believe in, etc. All of these things make up our immediate world around us. Then there is the larger world that connects all of us. In that world we wrestle with the social and political issues of our day, the challenges of the larger culture around us, as well as, the concerns of people we may never meet on the other side of our globe. We are called to relate to, and view the world we live in through the lens of Scripture, and carry the light of the truth of God to those with whom we are engaged. Discipleship communities equip us to hold up our light, even in a dark world.

B. How do I get connected in a Discipleship Community at New Life?

a. **Find a Small Group (Life Group) and/or a Discipleship Class**

- i. Find a group online using our online directory of groups at www.newlife-atl.org/connect.
- ii. Stop by the Information Desk in the Church Lobby to ask for more information.
- iii. Contact your *Connect Team* representative from the Discover New Life Ministry.
- iv. Attend Small Group Leader training and start your own Life Group.
- v. Contact the Church Office for more information.

b. **Commit to a Life Group and/or a Discipleship Class for a season**

Group meetings and classes are always happening throughout the year, and new groups start at regular intervals throughout the calendar year. Most of our small groups are open to new members, and all New Life Church's discipleship classes are open to new members through the class semester.

c. **Experience life-change**

You'll never fully experience all that New Life Church has to offer until you get connected in a Life Group or plugged into a Discipleship Class! Discipleship communities were vital to the early church's growth, and they are just as vital now.

C. In order to benefit from one of our Discipleship Communities at New Life, there are 10 commitments that you should make. Groups members commit to:

- a. **Frequency** | Make your group a _____.
- b. **Authenticity** | Share your true _____.
- c. **Mutuality** | Encourage each other's _____.
- d. **Courtesy** | Respect each other's _____.
- e. **Sympathy** | Support others in times of _____.
- f. **Humility** | Accept the _____ of others.
- g. **Honesty** | Speak the truth in _____.
- h. **Mercy** | _____ when you are hurt.
- i. **Confidentiality** | Keep the _____ of each person in my group.
- j. **Unity** | Support the _____ of the group as a whole.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 NLB – *“May the Lord make your love to grow and overflow to each other... so that you may stand before him guiltless on that day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns...”*

John 13: 34-35 NLB – *“Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”*

1. Name the two types of discipleship communities at New Life Church.

A. _____

B. _____

2. What are the three things each Discipleship Community at New Life Church focuses on?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

3. Name 5 of the 10 commitments it takes in order to benefit from a New Life Discipleship Community.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

4. Your next step: List a few of the ways you plan to grow personally as a disciple?

PART FOUR:

BECOMING A DISCIPLE

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:31-32 (NKJV)

PART FOUR – BECOMING A DISCIPLE

I. JESUS TAUGHT THESE FIVE PRINCIPLES ABOUT BEING ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES:

1. His Disciples _____ **Him** above any other relationship. (Luke 14:26)
2. His Disciples _____ **Him** even if it cost them personal suffering. (Luke 14:27)
3. His Disciples _____ **Him** above all earthly possessions, and willingly forsake them for Him. (Luke 14:33)
4. His Disciples _____ **others** in the same way that He loves them. (John 13:35)
5. His Disciples, empowered by His Spirit, _____ **great spiritual results** in their daily living. (John 15:8)

II. HOW CAN I BECOME A DISCIPLE?

1. By developing the _____ of a disciple.
Colossians 3:9-10 – “...you have taken off your old self with its practices (**habits**) and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”
2. **Definition of “Habit” (Webster’s II Dictionary):**
“A continual, often unconscious inclination to do a certain activity, acquired through frequent repetition. An established disposition of the character.”

III. THE HABITS OF A DISCIPLE ARE:

1. **HABIT #1: REGULAR STUDY OF THE WORD OF GOD.**
2. **HABIT #2: DAILY TIME WITH GOD IN PRAYER.**
3. **HABIT #3: REGULAR CORPORATE WORSHIP & COMMUNITY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS.**
4. **HABIT #4: GENEROUSLY SERVING OTHERS**

HABIT #1: REGULAR STUDY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1. GETTING A GRASP ON GOD’S WORD

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2. HOW TO FULLY BENEFIT FROM MY TIME IN THE WORD OF GOD

A. WE MUST _____ ITS AUTHORITY.

We believe that the Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible and inerrant.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 – “we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.”

- a. **Receive** God’s Word with an open heart.
Psalm 119:64 – *“Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.”*
- b. **Respond** to God’s word with obedience.
James 1:22 – *“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”*

We believe in the “closed canon” of Scripture:

There are not – nor will there ever be – any other books, writings or ideas added to the Bible or placed beside it as equal in authority or revelation.

All preaching, teaching, counsel or any other communication being declared in the name of Christ, or His church, are to be subject to the precepts and principles written in the Word of God.

B. WE MUST _____ ITS TRUTHS:

- a. By _____ God’s Word
Revelation 1:3 GNB – *“Happy is the one who reads this book ... and obeys what is written in it!”*
How often should a believer read God’s Word? _____
Deuteronomy 17:19 – *“And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes.”*
- b. By _____ God’s Word
Romans 10:17 – *“Faith comes from hearing the Word of God.”*
- c. By _____ God’s Word
Acts 17:11 NCV – *“...[They] were eager to hear what Paul and Silas said and studied the Scriptures every day to find out if these things were true. So, many of them believed...”*
- d. By _____ God’s Word
Proverbs 7:2-3 – *“Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings.... Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.”*
- e. By _____ on God’s Word
Psalm 1:2-3 – *“...and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”*

C. WE MUST _____ ITS PRINCIPLES TO OUR LIVES.

John 13:17 – *“If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”*
James 1:22 – *“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”*

a. How to Apply the Scriptures: [Four Questions]

- 1st Question:** What did this passage mean to the original hearers?
- 2nd Question:** What is the timeless principle that this passage is teaching?
- 3rd Question:** What is God saying to me through this passage today?

4th Question: What can I do today to put this passage into practice?

HABIT #2: DAILY TIME WITH GOD IN PRAYER

Hebrews 10:25 (GNB) – “Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage each other all the more.”

1. SPENDING TIME WITH GOD

Luke 18:1 – “men always ought to pray and not lose heart.”

God never intended for man to not be in daily fellowship with Him. We were created for prayer, worship and daily communion with God. Jesus came to earth that we may have a relationship with God. We take advantage of this ‘relationship’ every time we pray.

Prayer was a habit in Jesus’ life, and the secret to His power and authority on earth. It is also the secret to our power to live a successful Godly life here on this earth as well.

The only way to be a healthy Christian is to commune with God daily through prayer!

A. The Purpose Of Spending Time with God Everyday:

a. Spending Time with God Enables Me To:

i. _____ my love to God.

1 Kings 8:61 CSB – “Let your heart be completely devoted to the LORD our God.”

ii. _____ direction from God.

Psalms 32:8 NKJV – “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.”

iii. _____ the trials of life and the temptations of Satan.

Ephesians 6:11, 18 – “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.... praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...”

iv. _____ my life by the Will of God.

Psalms 119:133 – “Order my steps in your word.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 – “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths.”

v. _____ my heart to God.

Psalms 37:4– “Delight yourself in the Lord; and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

vi. _____ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 3:16 CSB – “I pray that He may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power in the inner man through His Spirit.”

2. LEARNING THE DISCIPLINE OF PRAYING EVERY DAY

A. Choose a special _____ and _____ to meet with God everyday.

Mark 1:35 – “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went to a solitary place, where he prayed.”

B. Develop or follow a pre-established reading _____ .

C. _____ for clarity and understanding in your time with God.

D. _____ these steps again the next day!

For more information and helpful resources on 'prayer', please see the Appendix.

HABIT #3: REGULAR CORPORATE WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS

Hebrews 10:25 (GNB) – *“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage each other all the more.”*

1. **We believe that spiritual growth happens best when we regularly practice relating to God in _____, especially in the context of fellowship with other believers.**
 - A. Worship is essential to our personal knowledge and reverence of God, as well as, our spiritual maturity as believers.
 - B. Worship was never intended to be only a Sunday morning experience, but rather an active and complete part of our daily lives.
2. **Likewise, living in _____ with other believers is critical to spiritual growth as well.**
 - A. At New Life, we believe that while our church is growing larger, it must also grow intimate and more personal (smaller) at the same time. An effective church, no matter how large, must also be small enough to grow and nurture the people who are connected to it and call it home. This is why being in community is so important here at New Life.

Acts 20:20 – *“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.”*

Acts 5:42 – *“(They met) day after day, in the Temple courts and from house to house.”*
3. **The Bible teaches that spiritual growth happens both “_____” and from “_____ to _____”.**
4. **It is New Life’s desire that every member is regularly active in _____, _____ and _____.**

HABIT #4: GENEROUSLY SERVING OTHERS

Mark 10:43-45 – *“...whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be servant of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

Galatians 5:13-14 – *“... do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

1. **The bottom line is that followers of Jesus Christ _____ others.**

We are called to daily give of ourselves in service to others. Jesus taught us that true greatness is found in coming alongside others and lifting them up; it is found in loving and serving one another. Jesus himself demonstrated in that He spent His life serving others, rather than seeking others to serve Him.
2. **To be a Disciple of Jesus, we must be engaged in _____ what Jesus _____.**

It is our desire for every member of our church to imitate Christ in serving others. We want to see every person actively engaged in the support of our local church and faith community through love, social services and collective care of each other. Each ministry of New Life serves as an arm that reaches out to humanity by ministering to the practical needs of those within our reach and beyond. Together as one Body of Christ, we

will empower and uplift our community through every biblical method possible for the purpose of spreading the Gospel of Christ.

3. We Serve others by:

- A. _____ for those who are hurting.
- B. _____ those who are in need.
- C. _____ Mercy to those who have fallen.
- D. _____ those who have wronged us.
- E. _____ to those who are in authority over us.
- F. _____ those who look up to us.
- G. _____ the Lives of those who are all around us.

A Quick Check Up...

1. What are the four habits of a disciple?

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____

2. What are three of the six things spending time with God everyday allows me to do?

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

3. Describe a few of the ways you have served others in the past month.

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

THE OTHER DISCOVER NEW LIFE CLASSES:

Discover New Life Class One:

Follow Christ

This class is designed to help you to become better acquainted with our story, the mission, values and beliefs of New Life Church. You will connect with others who are interested in plugging into New Life, and learn what it means to become a member of our church community, as well as, a member of the Body of Christ at large.

Discover New Life Class Three:

Love Others

This class teaches how you can serve and share with impact. It includes biblical principles of using your time, talent and treasures to intentionally serve the church and those around you, and provides opportunities to begin engaging in service. It also goes farther, discussing how to use your unique abilities to influence the Kingdom and lead others on a journey with Christ.





NEW LIFE CHURCH


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