

FC Membership Class – Student Notes

- 1) Welcome to membership class – our story, who am I, Julie, family, church story in a nutshell. Our motto, our heart, our desire, our goal: Love God. Live Like Jesus. Spread The Good News.

- 2) Why go to a membership class? Because everybody else does? Is it just “what you do”?
 - a) Story: Momma, why do you cut off the end of the ham? And why membership class?
 - b) Because there’s a difference between a church and an earthly organization.
 - c) Because there’s a difference between membership in a gym or a country club and membership in a church.
 - i) More like being a member of a _____/organization – SA Spurs, Dallas Cowboys, Houston Astros – a player, a coach, office staff, leadership team, a contributing part of the organization vs a spectator.
 - ii) Members don’t just come and go, like spectators, but participate in the success of the organization. Becoming a member of a church means you’re interested in the success of the church because you’re aware of the blessings that come to you by becoming a committed part of the church family, and of the blessings that can come through you to others by being a member and participating in the ministry of the church.
 - iii) Gen 12:2 – I will bless you, and you will be a blessing!

- 3) What is a church? Why does it exist? What does it do?
 - a) Again, using Abraham and Jesus as our examples – a church is a group of people who together follow God and follow His ways and therefore:
 - i) They get _____ and
 - ii) They are a blessing to _____.
 - iii) The church is one of the primary ways that God:
 - (1) blesses you, and
 - (2) teaches you how to be a blessing to others, and
 - (3) helps you walk it out.
 - (4) To you, to your family, to your school, your company, your neighbors, your city, your nation, and the world.
 - (5) From The Church Bible study -- Jesus is the head ... (see The Church Bible study)

- 4) What is your part? Jn 15:7 – abide in Jesus. Spend daily time with God. Jn 15:8 – bear much fruit.

- 5) Our part. Our plan ... big rocks. (what we do.)
 - a) Church services – 9 & 11 plus Spanish, children 0-5th grade Sun AM, youth Sun AM & Weds PM
 - b) BTW: Everything is on web site – www.friendship.church
 - c) Small groups throughout the week – every day, every kind – grow, serve, connect
 - d) Intentional gatherings ...
 - i) Total Access Party for newcomers – meet and greet with pastor and leaders
 - ii) Plugged In – every 3rd Sunday – to meet one on one with servant/leaders who will get to know you, hear your story, your heart, and help you to find your place. What are you looking for?
 - iii) Membership Class
 - iv) Dream Team