

# New Member's Class

## PT II

TEMPLE HILLS CHURCH OF GOD

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Class 1 – New Members Class is a great step for learning about the history of Temple Hills Church of God; what we believe, and how to become a member of the THCOG family. Participants will have the opportunity to get baptized after class.

What is required of members?

- Have a personal relationship with Jesus as Savior
- Complete New Members Class
- Complete Foundation Class
- Catch the Vision, join the Work

Ephesians 2:19 Living Bible (TLB) 19 Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you **belong** in God's household with every other Christian.

God doesn't just want you to believe, He wants you to become and to belong. You become a saint and you belong with the saints. Most just want to believe. God wants you to belong.

1. Everything starts with God
2. God is Love
3. God wanted a family to demonstrate his love
4. God's family is the church
5. God's Family (Church) will last forever
6. God thought of us first
7. God didn't reveal His plan until He sent Jesus
8. Jesus makes the whole plan possible
9. The time is getting closer
10. In the meantime, we practice for eternity

## Class 2 –

- ❖ Five Purpose of the Church is outline in Rich Warren book (The Purpose Driven Church). We believe all activities in the local church should be ties to at least one of the five purposes.

The five purposes are found in the Great Commandment and The Great Commission as found in the book of Matthew.

➤ **The Great Commandment**

“And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.’” (Matthew 22:37–40)

➤ **The Great Commission**

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18–20)

### **The Five Purposes Of THCOG:**

- (1) Worship — “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind...”
- (2) Evangelism — “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”
- (3) Fellowship — “...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”
- (4) Discipleship — “...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...”
- (5) Ministry — “You shall love your neighbor as yourself...”

**Principle 1:** A healthy local Church has a balance of all five Purposes offered in its activities.

THCOG asked our members to ask themselves four questions:

1. "What is our purpose?"
2. "Why do we do what we do?"
3. "What should we be doing?",
4. and "How will you do that?".

In his book Pastor Warren provides a guide to answer these questions on how to do church. If we follow the principles of purpose driven, the church will grow:

- Warmer through fellowship

- Deeper through discipleship
- Stronger through worship
- Broader through ministry, and
- Larger through evangelism.

**Principle 2:** Any activity of the local Church should directly serve at least one of the five Purposes. If an activity doesn't directly serve at least one of the five Purposes, a local Church should not do it.

**Principle 3:** If there is not a person who can be responsible for an activity, the activity should not be done.