

Belong

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TEACHER SYLLABUS

The Rock Church Temecula Valley

Next Steps

WELCOME TO Belong

We're glad you've chosen to find out more about The Rock Church! This class is the basic introduction to our church family. Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, this class was designed to clearly explain who and what our church is.

THE BASICS FOR THIS CLASS

Key Truths:

1. The church is A FAMILY (Matthew 22:30-32).
2. God expects you to be A MEMBER of a church family (Hebrews 10:25).
3. A Christian without a church family is an ORPHAN (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). (Mixed metaphor)

"...You are a member of God's very own family...and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

THE GOAL OF THIS CLASS

...That I will commit myself to CHRIST and to the CHURCH FAMILY.

WHAT MAKES THE ROCK CHURCH A FAMILY?

Four things unite us:

- Our Salvation - (What God has done for us)
- Our Statement - (Why we exist as a church)
- Our Strategy - (How we fulfill our purpose)
- Our Structure - (When and where we fulfill our purpose)

Our Salvation

“For now we are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and we who have been baptized into union with Christ are enveloped by Him.... We are no longer Jews or Gentiles, or slaves or free men, or even merely men or women, but we are all the same — we are Christians; we are one in Jesus Christ.”

Galatians 3:26-28 (LB)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

Most people live their entire lives without ever knowing “WHY?” They exist year after year with no idea of why they live or God’s purpose for their lives. The most basic question a person can ask is, “What is the meaning of life?”

Everyone wants to be happy. People try many ways:

- ...Some look for happiness by acquiring possessions.
- ...Some look for happiness by experiencing pleasure.
- ...Some look for happiness by gaining prestige & power.

But real happiness comes from understanding my
PURPOSE IN LIFE.

I. WHY AM I HERE?

1. GOD MADE ME TO LOVE ME!

God says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love!” Jeremiah 31:3

“Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be His through our union with Christ... because of His love. God had already decided that through Jesus Christ He would make us His children — this was God’s pleasure and purpose.” Ephesians 1:4-5 (GN)

2. WE WERE CREATED TO ENJOY A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND TO MANAGE ALL OF THE REST OF GOD’S CREATION! THIS MAKES US SPECIAL!

“So God created human beings, making them in His image. He blessed them, and said...live all over the earth and bring it under control. I am putting you in charge.” Genesis 1:27-28 (LB)

“God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” 1 Timothy 6:17

Jesus said, “I have come in order that you might have life — life in all its fullness!” John 10:10

3. WHEN WE KNOW AND LOVE GOD, AND LIVE IN HARMONY WITH HIS PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES, IT PRODUCES TREMENDOUS BENEFITS IN OUR LIVES:

Clear Conscience Romans 8:1	Life & Peace Romans 8:6	Help with Weakness Romans 8:26
Purpose Romans 8:28	Confidence Romans 8:31	Security Romans 8:39
Power & Strength Philippians 4:13	Fulfillment Philippians 4:19	Freedom John 8:32, 36

II. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Man has a natural desire to BE THE BOSS and to ignore God's principles for living.

"Do your own thing."

"If it feels good, do it - regardless of what God says about it."

"It's my life and I'll do what I please!"

THE BIBLE CALLS THIS ATTITUDE: SIN

"All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, and each of us has turned to his own way." Isaiah 53:6

"If we say that we never sin, we are only fooling ourselves, and refuse to accept the truth." 1 John 1:8

Sin breaks our close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and try to live our lives outside of His will.

"The trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God." Isaiah 59:2 (LB)

"All have sinned and fall short of God's glorious ideal." Romans 3:23

When our relationship to God is not right, it causes PROBLEMS in every area of our lives — marriage, career, relationships, finances, etc.

WHEN PEOPLE HAVE PROBLEMS, THEY OFTEN TRY MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OF COPING BEFORE TURNING TO GOD.

"There are ways that SEEM right to man, but they only end in death." Proverbs 16:25

Even when we know that our deepest need is God; we often try wrong ways of getting to know Him:

- "My mother was a Christian so..."
- "It doesn't matter what you believe, just be sincere."
- "I'll give up all my bad habits."
- "I'll work real hard and earn it."
- "I'll be religious and go to church."

III. WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

Jesus Christ said, "I AM THE WAY, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except THROUGH ME!" John 14:6

God Himself came to earth as a human being to bring us back to Himself. If any other way had worked, Jesus Christ would not have had to come. The Way is a Person!

JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR SIN PROBLEM!

“The wages of sin is death, BUT the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
Romans 6:23

God did this for us because He loves us and wants us to know Him.

“God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were still separated from God by sin, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

“God is on one side and all people are on the other side, and Christ Jesus is between them to bring them together, by giving His life for all mankind.” 1 Timothy 2:5

God has already done His part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative. Now He waits for each of us to individually accept what He has done for us.

IV. WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

1. ADMIT THAT GOD HAS NOT BEEN FIRST PLACE IN YOUR LIFE AND ASK HIM TO FORGIVE YOUR SINS.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong.” 1 John 1:9

2. BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED TO PAY FOR YOUR SINS AND THAT HE ROSE AGAIN ON EASTER, AND IS ALIVE TODAY.

“If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

3. ACCEPT GOD’S FREE GIFT OF SALVATION. DON’T TRY TO EARN IT.

“For it is by grace you are saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

Our relationship to God is not restored by anything we do, but on the basis of what Jesus already did for us!

4. INVITE JESUS CHRIST TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE AND BE THE DIRECTOR (“LORD”) OF YOUR LIFE.

“To all who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God. All we need to do is to trust Him to save us. All those who believe are reborn! — not a physical rebirth...but from the will of God!” John 1:12-13

“Jesus says, ‘Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in...’” Revelation 3:30

YOU CAN TAKE THESE STEPS BY PRAYING A SIMPLE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT TO GOD:

“Dear Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I’ve ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life and I’m sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian.”

“Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:13

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING BAPTIZED

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

1. TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SET BY JESUS.

“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river.” Mark 1:9

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.’” Matthew 28:19-20

3. IT DEMONSTRATES THAT I REALLY AM A BELIEVER.

“...many of the people who heard Him believed and were baptized.” Acts 18:8

“We know that we have come to know Him, if we obey His commands.” 1 John 2:3

“For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ...” Colossians 2:12 (GN)

We practice baptism by immersion under water — the way Jesus was baptized, and the way the Bible commands.

If you would like to be baptized, you can sign up at the end of this class, at the 411 Station or online. There is a Baptism Class on the day of the Baptism that explains:

- The Meaning of Baptism
- Why Should I Be Baptized Through Immersion?
- Who Should Be Baptized?
- When Should I Be Baptized?
- Other detailed information.

THE MEANING OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Jesus never asked His disciples to remember His birth. But He did instruct them to remember His death and resurrection. He gave the church two visible symbols (called “ordinances”) as reminders of His death. These two ordinances are: Baptism and The Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is an object lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers.

I. WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER?

1. IT IS A SIMPLE ACT.

"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 SYMBOL.

"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 BELIEVERS (Mark 14:22-26)

Jesus didn't offer communion to the 5000. He gave them fish and bread to feed the human or natural hunger.

"For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment upon himself." 2 Corinthians 11:29

"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A person ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." 1 Corinthians 11:27-28

By...

1. Self-Examination 1 Corinthians 11:27	2. Confessing My Sins 1 John 1:9
3. Recommitment Romans 12:1	4. Restoring Relationships Matthew 5:23-24

Jesus never said when or how often believers should observe The Lord's Supper. Scripture does say, "As often as you do this, do it in remembrance of Me." (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)

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Statements

“Let there be real harmony among you so there won’t be any split in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.”

1 Corinthians 1:10 (LB)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT WHY WE EXIST AS A CHURCH

The Rock Church Temecula Valley is a community of Christian believers committed to making passionate disciples of Christ seeking to fulfill their God-given potential.

- The purpose: To grow in Christ-likeness as servant leaders, loving one another, and contributing to the body of Christ.

Our goal: To glorify God by being obedient to the great commission, which is to spread the gospel and make disciples of all nations.

THE ROCK CHURCH CORE VALUES

CORE VALUES

1. Meaningful Worship – Loving God

We are passionate about expressing our love for God through a lifestyle of worship.

***John 4:23 (NLT)** But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.*

Expressions of Worship

- Singing (Ephesians 5:19)
- Commitment (Romans 12:1-2)
- Praying (Psalm 95:6)
- Hearing the Word (John 17:17)
- Giving (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)
- Baptism (Romans 6:3-4)
- Meditating (Habakkuk 2:20)
- Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

2. Purposeful Preaching – Loving God's Word

We are passionate about communicating God's Word.

***Proverbs 24:3-4 (NIV)** By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.*

3. Passionate Soul Winning – Loving the Lost

We are passionate about reaching the lost.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT) *Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

4. Relational Discipleship – Loving One Another

We are passionate about building life-giving, loving, and authentic relationships that lead to spiritual maturity.

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT) *All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.*

5. Developmental Leadership – Loving Growth

We are passionate about developing people to their full leadership potential.

2 Timothy 2:20-21 (NLT) *In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.*

6. Sacrificial Stewardship – Loving Giving

We are passionate about living authentic sacrificial lives by faithfully stewarding all that God entrusts to us.

Mark 10:29-31 (NIV) *"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."*

There are several kinds of Giving we see in Scripture:

- **Tithing** – 10 Percent of all income – **Malachi 3:8(NLT)** *"Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me!" But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me.*
- **Offerings** – Differing in size and frequency.
- **First Fruits** – The first part of any increase.
- **Making a Vow** – A specific commitment for a specific purpose.
- **Giving to the Poor** – Helping those in need.
- **Sacrificial Giving** – Giving when it hurts.

The bible is a Book about generosity. God's desire for His people was and is that they would be a people with a generous heart and mindset.

7. Practical Service – Loving God's Purpose

We are passionate about serving God and serving others.

Psalm 84:10 (NIV) Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

8. Experiential Christianity – Loving God's Gifts

We are passionate about operating as a unified community of servants that steward our spiritual gifts and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

*Ephesians 2:19-22 (NLT) So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. **We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.***

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH What We Believe

- In essential beliefs — we have unity.

“There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all...” Ephesians 4:4-6

- In non-essential beliefs — we have liberty.

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters... Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls... So then each of us will give an account of himself to God... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.” Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22

- In all our beliefs — we show charity.

“...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains — but have no love, I amount to nothing at all.”
1 Corinthians 13:2 (Ph)

THE ESSENTIALS WE BELIEVE:

1. ABOUT GOD

We believe that there is one God, eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(Complete unity: Architect, Contractor, Workman)

Genesis 1:1, 26, 27, 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19;
1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

2. ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return to power and glory.

Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30;
Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4;
Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13

3. ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the fall and consequent total moral depravity of humanity, resulting in our exceeding sinfulness and lost estate and necessitating our regeneration by the Holy Spirit. We believe in the present and continuing ministry of sanctification by the Holy Spirit by whose infilling the believing Christian is cleansed and empowered for a life of holiness and service. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved to the resurrection of life and those who are lost to the resurrection of damnation. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Son of God/God the Son—Gave up equality with God/Sent by the Father—in John)

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16-17; Acts 1:8;
1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25;
Ephesians 5:18

HOLY SPIRIT FILLED LIVING

(Jesus said), "I am the Vine, you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; but apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God's power within us. So we seek to practice a daily dependence on God's Spirit to enable us to do what is right. (Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 5:18)

4. ABOUT THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13;
Psalm 119:105, 160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5

WORD OF GOD AS OUR PRIMARY AUTHORITY

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us to do what is right." 2 Timothy 3:15

Since God's Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority, we accept the Bible as our manual for living. Our first question when faced with a decision is "What does the Bible say?" We practice daily Bible reading, Bible study and Bible memorization. The Bible is the basis for all we believe.

5. ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin". This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2

6. ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved.

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1

7. ABOUT ETERNAL SECURITY

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security. Salvation becomes effective when a person comes to God on His terms rather than on his/her own terms.

John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25, 10:10, 14; 1 Peter 1:3-5

8. ABOUT ETERNITY

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

John 3:16; 14:17; Romans 6:23; 8:17-18;
Revelation 20:15; 1 Corinthians 2:7-9

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Strategy

“I have been all things to all sorts of people that by every possible means I might win some to God. I do all of this for the sake of the Good News.”

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (Ph)

WHO WE ARE TRYING TO REACH

“...Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.” 1 Corinthians 9:22 (LB)

5 CIRCLES OF COMMITMENT

You determine the level in which you want to become involved at The Rock Church. This section will cover the five levels of involvement, and the definitions and responsibilities of each level. Our goal is to keep people moving to the center of the circle by encouraging spiritual growth and commitment. Getting involved with The Rock Church is made easy through the following process.



The Rock Church's objective is to keep moving people toward the center by encouraging personal spiritual commitments. Specifically, we call people to four basic commitments:

THE FOUR ROCK CHURCH COMMITMENTS:

1. THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT...

Is a commitment to CHRIST and A CHURCH FAMILY.

“You are members of God's very own family...and you belong in God's household with every other

Christian.” Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

“We are all parts of Christ’s Body, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other and need all the others.” Romans 12:4-5 (LB)

2. THE MATURITY COMMITMENT...

Is a commitment to the HABITS necessary for spiritual growth?

“Continue to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 3:18

“Take the time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit.” 1 Timothy 4:7 (Ph)

This is covered in detail in the Grow Track

3. THE MINISTRY COMMITMENT...

Is a commitment to discovering and using my God-given gifts and abilities in SERVING God and others?

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other...”
1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

“There are different kinds of service to God...together you form the Body of Christ and each one of you is a necessary part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:5, 27 (LB)

This is covered in detail in the Serve/Reach Track

4. THE MISSIONS COMMITMENT...

Is a commitment to SHARE the Good News with others?

“...You will be my witnesses for me...to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (GN)

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do it with gentleness and respect...” 1 Peter 3:15

This is covered in detail in the Serve/Reach Track

The Community

The outer circle is identified as the COMMUNITY. These are the people that we want to reach and who live in the surrounding area. Many are un-churched or occasional attendees and we want them to come to know Christ.

The Crowd

The CROWD is comprised of people who are committed to regular attendance, but have not completed the Belong Track to become members of The Rock Church.

The Congregation

The next group in the circle of commitment is a little bigger yet. This is the CONGREGATION, or church members. As a part of the Congregation, you have completed the Belong Track, are committed to membership, and consider The Rock Church your home church.

The Committed

The next group is a little bigger. We call that group the COMMITTED. Committed Members are maturing members and strong believers who are faithful in serving at The Rock Church. In this group you have completed the Belong Track and are committed to growing in your faith by serving in a ministry or department, and being involved in church activities.

Some examples of Committed Members are:

- Children's Workers
- Musicians
- Ushers
- Greeters
- Altar Workers

As a committed member, you are encouraged to continue your spiritual growth by attending the various leadership classes available here at The Rock Church. Committed members are also faithful in church attendance and tithing.

The Core

At the center of the church is the CORE GROUP. As a part of the Core Group, you will be actively leading a ministry or department in the church. Some examples of Core Group members are:

- Small Group Leaders
- Altar Worker / Prayer Team Leaders
- Evangelism / Outreach Leaders
- Lead Ushers

To become a part of the Core Group you must complete the Belong Track to become a member of The Rock Church, which you are doing now, and complete the series of required leadership classes. Through these classes, you will discover your gifts and talents and determine where you are called to serve in the body of Christ. Core Group Members are faithful in church attendance and tithing.

Objective

Our objective at The Rock Church is to keep people moving toward the center of the circle by encouraging INVOLVEMENT, COMMITMENT, and SPIRITUAL GROWTH. This is accomplished through the following process:

1. Moving the Community into the Crowd – We want to get people who come every once in a while to start coming every week.
2. Moving the Crowd into the Congregation – We want people who have been attendees to become members.

3. Moving the Congregation into the Committed – We want people who have become members to commit to serving.
4. Moving the Committed into the Core – We want people who have been faithful in serving to become leaders.

CHURCH STRATEGIES

Every church has a strategy behind it. Some work well and some do not.

Some church strategies are designed:

- To reach people that are – Solemn, Orderly, Dignified
- To reach people that are – Emotional and Excited
- To reach people who are – Casual or Formal

OUR CHURCH STRATEGY

Our strategy is to:

1. REACH PEOPLE
2. TEACH PEOPLE
3. DEVELOP PEOPLE
4. NURTURE PEOPLE
5. PROMOTE PEOPLE (Into Leadership & Ministry Positions)

The pastors know that with training, people can and will lead.

1. Ask if they're ready to become a member
2. Tell them they will receive an email with the Membership Packet and link to the online Membership Application.
3. Try to get them to commit to a time and date for Membership Interview.
4. Tell them they will receive an email to register for Grow Track Pt. 1, which is the following Sunday.

The Next Steps in your Growth:

Next Steps Growth Track:

Belong

Grow Pt. 1

Grow Pt. 2

Serve Pt. 1

Serve Pt. 2

Serve Pt. 3

Small Group

Serve in a ministry