

## 7 Habits

*A seven-week program designed to equip people to live a Christ-Driven life at  
Limerick Cornerstone Family Church*

### **“ATTEND CHURCH”**

7 Habits  
*Student Syllabus*

Welcome to Cornerstone Family Church! If this is your first time in this class, I just want you to know how much we appreciate you attending this class.

This is one of seven classes that we call the “7 Habits”. The purpose of 7 Habits is to teach everyone what a Christ-driven life looks like. It’s our main pipeline for the entire church. It’s something we want everyone to go through because it puts us all on the same page.

GOAL OF 7 HABITS: Commitment to live a Christ-Driven Life.

#### Seven Habits of a Christ-Driven Life

Week 1 – Obey God

Week 2 – Love Others

Week 3 – Daily Worship

Week 4 – Small Group Involvement

Week 5 – Attend Church

Week 6 – Serve Faithfully

Week 7 – Give Sacrificially

#### **So here are some basic facts about 7 Habits...**

- This is not intended to be your church fix. Please attend worship service.
- People can enter these weeks at any week. We just want them to complete all seven weeks.
- This not a traditional Sunday School class. We hope and pray that after seven weeks, people make strong commitments to these seven habits and LCFC.
- We want everyone who attends LCFC to go through these classes.
- If you have gone through the Membership Class at LCFC, we ask that you attend the seven weeks related to living out a Christ-Driven life.

## **ATTEND CHURCH**

The three questions we'll be looking at are:

- o *Who's church is it anyway?*
- o *What's the purpose of church?*
- o *What does a healthy biblical community look like?*

Let's take a look at the first question...

### **QUESTION 1 – WHO'S CHURCH IS IT ANYWAY?**

Matthew 16:18 (NLT)

18 "...I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."

The Church belongs to \_\_\_\_\_!

The church is the only organization ordained and \_\_\_\_\_ by God. There is no other organization like it. It's unique from any other organization.

Biblically speaking the bible makes it clear that we, the \_\_\_\_\_, are the church.

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)

16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV)

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Jesus gave Himself up for the church to the point of death. It's His \_\_\_\_\_!

The church is the bride of Christ. Jesus went to the cross so that the church, that's you and me, would be made right before God. So that, through the blood of Christ, we would be spiritually clean, "without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."

Jesus went to the cross so that His bride, the church, you and me, could have this incredible relationship with God and we would be forgiven for all our sins.

Jesus always endorsed the value of the church.

Luke 4:16 (NLT)

"When he (Jesus) came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures."

Going to church was a \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ.

One of the most frequently asked questions relating to the topic of church is, "Why should I join the church, anyway? After all, it makes no difference -- I can still go to church and participate in all the activities without feeling tied down or committed."

The last word in the quote is the first reason to join the church - \_\_\_\_\_. Church attendance is a step of commitment in which the dedicated Christian expresses through both word and action that Jesus Christ is Lord and Master in their life.

## **QUESTION 2 – WHAT’S THE PURPOSE OF CHURCH?**

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

This passage is known as the "\_\_\_\_\_". God wants every person to go and make disciples. God wants us to make followers of Christ. God wants you and me to teach people how to walk with God, and God wants to give them a new life.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NLT)

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Verse 11 tells us that God gives us these gifts and we're to use these gifts to \_\_\_\_\_ God's people. God wants every church to equip people until people reach a level of spiritual maturity and measure up to the full and complete standard of Jesus Christ.

The church should be this place where there is this constant \_\_\_\_\_ up, equipping of people. Where people grow and reach their God-sized potential. It's the place where people live out their God-purpose in life. It's the place where people are used by God. It's the place where people hear about the incredible love of God through Jesus Christ. It's the place where people serve God in a variety of ways.

It's also the place where people come together to \_\_\_\_\_ God in a corporate environment.  
The church is the place where the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is preached every weekend.

**QUESTION 3 – WHAT DOES A HEALTHY BIBLICAL COMMUNITY LOOK LIKE?**

Acts 2:41-47 (NLT)

41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. 42 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. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 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—47 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.

What are the characteristics of a healthy church?

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\_\_\_\_\_. We want people to know this church is a loving church.

## INDICATIONS OF AN UNHEALTHY CHURCH...

The bible tells us that one of the greatest strategies of the devil is to create \_\_\_\_\_.

### Titus 3:10 (NLT)

10 If anyone is causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with that person.

Paul the apostle saw this early on. The churches in Corinth were experiencing division. Paul recognizes that this division is caused by the enemy, and Paul calls these Christians in this church as “\_\_\_\_\_” because of the condition of their hearts.

### 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NIV)

1 Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?

One of the most divisive things anyone could do is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Proverbs 16:28 (NLT)

28 A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.

What destroys churches more than anything else is gossip. Gossip is when you are neither part of the problem nor part of the solution, but you are talking about it. When you share information about a problem and you are neither part of the problem nor part of the solution and you talk about it, you are gossiping. The Bible calls it sin.

### Matthew 18:15-17 (NLT)

15 “If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. 16 But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. 17 If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won’t accept the church’s decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.

Something we take seriously at LCFC is this... we speak truth to one another in \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (NIV)

12 Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

A healthy church starts with leaders who take their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ seriously. The leaders of any church are to be faithful with whatever influence God gives them. God expects them to live at a higher standard because more is entrusted to them.

The other side of this is these leaders need the people to \_\_\_\_\_ for them and \_\_\_\_\_ them. Encouraging a ministry leader is one of the most powerful things any church member could do. Pray for them. Support them. Be there for them. Love on them.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near."

The bible makes it clear that we should not neglect our meeting together. Another words, church attendance should be a \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives. It's not an elective. It's not based on our moods. It's not based on our convenience.

CHALLENGE: We want to challenge everyone to commit to attending church every week, unless you're sick or your working. That's the challenge. Are you willing to do it?

NEXT WEEK: Serve Faithfully. We will look at the value of serving God in ministry and we will look at how God has shaped you!