

The Journey to Purpose

True Zoe Fellowship Community

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Objectives

By the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Understand the four stages of the new member journey: Salvation, Sanctification, Service, and Purpose.
- Recognize the biblical foundation for spiritual growth and active church involvement.
- Identify practical steps new members can take to grow in Christ and serve effectively.
- Explain how each stage prepares believers for deeper commitment in the body of Christ.
- Embrace their role in God's redemptive mission through the local church.

Supporting Scripture: Ephesians 4:12 – “For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

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Introduction

The Christian journey is more than attending church; it's a lifelong process of transforming into Christ's image and joining His mission. True Zoe Fellowship utilizes four stages identified in scripture: **Salvation, Sanctification, Service, and Purpose**. These help new members grow spiritually and serve effectively.

Supporting Scripture: Romans 8:29 – “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.”

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The Four Stages Overview

A new member process for active church involvement:

1. Salvation – Reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ
2. Sanctification – Growing into spiritual maturity
3. Service – Serving within the body of Christ
4. Purpose – Fulfilling God's calling and assignment

- These stages help believers grow spiritually and serve effectively. Each stage builds upon the previous one.

Supporting Scripture: Philippians 1:6 – “He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

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Stage 1: SALVATION

“Reconciliation With God Through Jesus Christ”

Definition: Salvation is the starting point of every believer’s journey. Before a person can serve effectively in the church, they must first know Christ as Savior and Lord. Even as new members join the church, leaders should ensure they understand the gospel, encourage public confession of faith, and affirm the importance of baptism and commitment to Christ.

Key Truth: Before a person can serve effectively in ministry, they must establish a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ through spiritual rebirth.

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Stage 1: SALVATION

Process for New Members

- Believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Repent of sin
- Publicly identify with Christ through baptism in the name of Jesus Christ
- Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Begin walking in the newness of life and fellowship with the Church

Supporting Scripture:

“Christ died for our sins... He was buried, and... He rose again the third day.” — 1 Corinthians 15:3–4

“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ... and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” — Acts 2:38

“We were buried with Him through baptism into death... that we also should walk in newness of life.” — Romans 6:4

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Stage 2: SANCTIFICATION

“Growing Into Spiritual Maturity”

Definition: After salvation, believers begin the lifelong process of sanctification. New members should be discipled in God’s Word, prayer, obedience, and fellowship so they are spiritually grounded before stepping into ministry responsibilities. This stage helps shape both character and conviction.

Key Truth: Grow new members in spiritual maturity and Christlike character through obedience, discipleship, and spiritual discipline.

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Stage 2: SANCTIFICATION

Process for New Members:

- Develop a consistent prayer life
- Learn biblical doctrine and Christian living
- Participate in discipleship groups or Bible studies
- Practice spiritual disciplines (prayer, fasting, worship, giving, studying Scripture)
- Encourage accountability to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit in daily life

Supporting Scriptures:

“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” — Romans 12:2

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” — 2 Peter 3:18

“This is the will of God, your sanctification.” — 1 Thessalonians 4:3

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Stage 2: SANCTIFICATION

Church Application

New members should engage in:

- Discipleship classes
- Small groups
- Prayer ministry
- Biblical counseling and mentoring
- Spiritual accountability relationships

Indicators of Readiness for Service

- Faithfulness and consistency
- Teachability and humility
- Spiritual maturity
- Christlike conduct
- Commitment to church fellowship

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Stage 3: SERVICE

“Serving Within the Body of Christ”

Definition: Service is the believer’s active participation in ministry through the use of gifts (sacred or secular), talents, and abilities for the edification of the Church and the advancement of God’s Kingdom.

Key Truth: Every believer has been gifted by God to serve others within and outside the body of Christ.

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Stage 3: SERVICE

Process for New Members:

- Discover spiritual gifts and passions
- Complete ministry training and orientation
- Begin serving in supportive ministry roles
- Serve under leadership and mentorship
- Encourage faithfulness, humility, and teamwork

Supporting Scriptures:

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another.” — 1 Peter 4:10

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.” — 1 Corinthians 12:4

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.” — Matthew 20:28

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Stage 3: SERVICE

Church Application

Potential ministry opportunities may include

- Hospitality ministry
- Media and technology ministry
- Worship and music ministry
- Outreach and evangelism
- Children and youth ministry
- Prayer ministry
- Administration and support teams

Ministry Development Process

- Ministry Interest Assessment
- Volunteer Orientation
- Ministry Training
- Probationary/Shadowing Period
- Active Ministry Placement
- Ongoing Evaluation and Mentorship

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Stage 4: PURPOSE

“Fulfilling God’s Calling and Assignment”

Definition: Purpose is the believer’s God-ordained calling to influence others, advance the Kingdom of God, and glorify Christ through their life and ministry.

Key Truth: God does not merely save believers to attend church; He calls them to participate in His redemptive mission in the world.

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Stage 4: PURPOSE

Process for New Members:

- Discern personal calling and assignment
- Develop leadership capacity
- Operate effectively in gifts (sacred and secular)
- Serve the church and community faithfully
- Multiply disciples and mentor others

Supporting Scriptures:

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.” — Ephesians 2:10

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” — Matthew 28:19

“To each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.” — Ephesians 4:7

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Stage 4: PURPOSE

Church Application

Members functioning in purpose may:

- Lead ministries
- Mentor newer believers
- Teach and disciple others
- Launch outreach initiatives
- Support missions and community impact efforts
- Help develop future leaders within the church