



Plantings Class

Church Membership

Please complete homework pages and turn in entire book prior to pastoral interview.

EXPECTATIONS OF THOSE REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP

1. They have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, repenting of their sins, and discovering their place in God's Kingdom.
2. They are living a consistent Christian life evidenced by separation from the world and its worldly practices. If unmarried they are not living with someone of the opposite sex.
3. They are water baptized according to the Word of God.
4. They attend Upper Room Assembly of God and consider it their home church in God's Kingdom.
5. They bring tithes and offerings to support the ministries at Upper Room Assembly of God.
6. They will use their gifts, talents and abilities to build up the church body of Upper Room.
7. They will get connected with an energetic, fun, small group of believers on a regular basis.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT FORM

Upper Room Assembly

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Giving # _____ Email: _____

1. Are you helping at the church? _____

2. How much time per week do you spend helping? _____

3. Do you have other areas that interest you? _____

4. Do you attend a small group? ____ Yes ____ No

5. Who is your small group Leader? _____

6. Is something preventing you from helping, or going to a small group?

8. Do you have any comments?

Please have your team leader sign this form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

“OVERCOMING OFFENSES”
(Answers found in “Overcoming Offense” Booklet)

1. We have all experienced _____. Each of us have been responsible for _____ others, as well as having been _____ ourselves.
2. Regardless of the nature of the offense, the _____ teaches us to respond to this problem in a _____ manner.
3. An offense is a feeling of being _____, _____ or wronged. It is an emotional _____ to an _____ or _____.
4. The word “offense” is found in the scriptures. It originally meant a _____ or _____. It simply means a _____.
5. Jesus confirmed in Luke 17:1 that “it is impossible that no _____ should come.
6. Many things can cause an offense. They can range from a _____ word, to a _____ greet someone. They can arise from a _____ tongue, to something as simple as a passing _____.
7. The most common source of offense is the _____.
8. Occasionally, we have _____ to avoid words which have caused others to be offended.
9. When we fail to exercise a _____ spirit, offenses often result. Read Mark 11:25.
10. Jesus told Peter that we were responsible to forgive our brother as many as _____ in one day! (Matthew 18:22)
11. Some people are just too quick to be _____, even for the slightest reason. They are overly _____ and _____.
12. Some people are _____ to the feelings of others. They have not learned to _____ actions, attitudes or words which contribute to offending others.
13. The Bible teaches us that the love of God does not behave _____.

14. The love of Christ compels us to _____ for the _____ of others rather than carelessly and mindlessly trampling upon them.
15. If we have not _____ our _____ to God, we may be offended if they are violated or ignored. The opposite of an unyielding spirit is a _____
_____ Read Ecclesiastes 10:4.
16. A _____ of _____ can often contribute to the rise of further offense.
17. Some results of offenses are:
- 1) They generate _____ and deepen a root of _____
 - 2) They contribute to an atmosphere of _____ and _____ within the church.
 - 3) They reinforce a spirit of _____, _____ and _____ among brethren.
 - 4) They tend to _____ our _____ against others and God, and produce a _____ spirit which rejects conviction.
 - 5) They create physical, mental, and emotional problems as a result of the _____ from unresolved offense.
18. Offenses are so _____ that we should strive against them. They damage our relationships with others, grieve the Holy Spirit and mar the testimony of the Kingdom of God.
19. In order to solve the problem of offense, we must not _____ it.
20. Ways from the Bible of handling possible offenses are:
- a. Determine whether or not an offense has actually occurred.
 - b. Commit yourself to approach your brother alone.
 - c. Examine our hearts and motives before we attempt to handle an offense.
 - d. Bear the personal responsibility and take the initiative to go to those we have offended and seek reconciliation and forgiveness.
 - e. Strive to avoid any action, attitude, or words that would needlessly cause an offense to another. (1 Corinthians 10:32)

LEARNING ABOUT THE TITHE

(Answers found in “*Learning About the Tithe*” booklet)

1. What is Christian stewardship?
2. What is the most important thing about stewardship that a new Christian must be willing to accept?
3. What is a “tithe”?
4. List three (3) scripture verses regarding the tithing principle.
5. What are four (4) important reasons *why* we should tithe?
6. List four (4) reasons why people withhold the tithe? List two (2) more reasons why you believe people may have difficulty with being faithful in tithing.
7. What scripture verse is found in Proverbs that illustrates what happens to a person who withholds from freely giving?
8. Does unfaithfulness in tithing affect a person's spiritual growth? If so, how?
9. Does tithing reap blessings from God? If true, what kind?

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Answer found in "Our Distinctive Doctrine - The Baptism in the Holy Spirit" brochure)

1. When people accept Christ, the Holy Spirit begins a great work in their lives. The _____ convicts them of sin, convinces them of righteousness, and _____ within them. No one becomes a Christian without this gracious work of the _____.
2. Receiving eternal life _____ depend on being baptized in the Holy Spirit; for salvation is by _____ through _____. It is a _____ by Christ when He was crucified.
3. This initial experience of being baptized in the _____ is only the _____ of a _____ experience. God wants us to _____ filled with the Spirit.
4. _____ believers, when they are baptized in the Spirit, _____ in tongues. However, _____ will exercise the spiritual gift of tongues in the church assembled for worship. All will have the _____, but not all will exercise the _____.
5. Final responsibility for giving an interpretation of tongues in a public assembly _____ who gave the utterance in tongues.
6. Tongues with interpretation declares the _____ of God, exalts His name, _____ the _____ to _____ in _____ and in _____.
7. If the Holy Spirit has authentically inspired the interpretation, it will _____ the teachings of the Bible.
8. Throughout Scripture there is an obvious blending of _____ and people's _____ in implementing those purposes. Spiritual gifts operate with human _____.
9. Millions of believers worldwide share the exact testimony: when they _____ were baptized in the Holy Spirit they _____ in _____. We do not look upon speaking in tongues as a proof of _____. It simply is a _____ written in God's Word and fulfilled in our lives.
10. While the ways in which the _____ of the Holy Spirit comes will vary according to the _____ of the individual and the _____ of the Spirit, unknown tongues is the one accompanying phenomenon which unites Spirit-filled believers from every _____ and every _____.

11. While "tarring" (waiting on God in prayer) is often necessary for _____ and understanding, it is not improper for new believers to move quickly into fullness of the Spirit.
12. When the Kingdom of our Lord is ushering in, _____ will come and there will be _____ further need of Spirit-given knowledge, prophecy, and tongues.
13. If someone speaks in tongues in a _____, it is **essential that there be** _____ so the listeners will be _____.
14. What we are experiencing in our day is that which was prophesied by _____ and which began to be fulfilled on the _____ of _____.
15. Pentecostals who are well rooted in scripture _____ emphasize the baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues to a _____ extent than doctrines such as the _____ (salvation) and water baptism.
16. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is for _____ believer in every _____.
17. The emphasis must always be on the _____ rather than on the _____ experience. To seek an emotional experience is contrary to the _____ work of the Holy Spirit. Such extremes must be avoided.
18. Today there is no longer any reason for _____ except as "waiting" may relate to the _____ of the _____ for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.
19. Seekers should focus their attention on _____ rather than on an _____.
20. The _____ sign of the infilling of the Spirit is _____ in other tongues. The Baptism is not a _____, but a _____, a _____, not an _____.