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#### from God's wrath.

Luke 8:12; Luke 8:4-15; John 10:1-9; Acts 2:17-21; Acts 4:8-12; Romans 10:1-13

Those who belong to Jesus (i.e. "Christians") hear his voice and follow him, empowered by the Holy Spirit. *John 10:22-30; John 14:15-31; John 16:5-16* 

Only those who follow Jesus in a public, verifiable way are Christians. Merely going to church or claiming to follow Jesus is not enough!

Matthew 7:21-29; Matthew 21:28-32; Acts 5:1-11

In Acts chapter 2:1-40 we read about the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church and Peter's subsequent spirit-led sermon. Those who heard him responded: *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. - Acts 2:42* 

Here we can see that following Jesus includes:

- Bible teaching and study
- Fellowship
- The Lord's Supper / Communion
- Prayer

The rest of the chapter (Acts 2:43-47) shows them worshipping together, sharing what they had like family, and experiencing God's supernatural power.

### **Scriptures**

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### **About You**

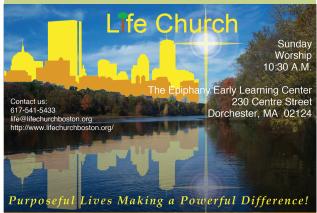
Now that you've seen this material, you're in a position to intelligently share the good news with others. Ask God to give you an opportunity to do so and feel free to use some of these brochures as resources!

### **Stay In Touch!**

Ask about our other handouts, check out our web site, and sign up for one of our courses.

Follow the "E-mail Lists" link on our web site to join our Connect List.

Follow the "e-Life" link on our web site to join our online community.



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### Welcome to Life Church!

Are you a Christian? Consider following Jesus with us!

#### Not sure? We can help you figure it out!

#### **Curious?**

We welcome your questions!

### About Us Visiting Us

We meet on Sundays for worship, teaching, and fellowship. We also have testimonies, questons & answers, and small group discussion & prayer on a rotating basis. We meet in small groups during the week - ask about joining one! On first Sundays we celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion).

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### Mission

Our mission is to teach people:

to enjoy knowing Jesus without fear, inadequacy, guilt, or shame, Acts 2:41-47; Acts 4:31-37; Romans 8:28-39; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1John 4:13-18

to follow him together as his family, Mark 10:23-31; Acts 2:41-47; Acts 4:31-37

to function together as his body, Romans 12:1-16; 1Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:7-16

and to work together to expand his kingdom and bring him glory. *Matthew 5:13-14; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:41-47; Acts 5:12-16* 

### Giving

Giving is a form of worship and God wants us to give cheerfully rather than reluctantly (2 Corinthians 8 - 9). We are supported by our members and friends, so we don't want visitors to feel pressured at offering time. If you want to contribute, please use an offering envelope and make any checks payable to: Life Church (or use our web site: http://www.lifechurchboston.org/).

### **Pastoral Leadership Team**

Rocklyn & Eva Clarke (founders), Crystal Dixon, Michael Dixon.

Life Church was founded in 2003.

Let us help you fulfill your ministry! *Ephesians 4:7-16* 

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### **About God**

The Good News (Gospel) Through Jesus, God has become king and his kingdom is within your grasp!

God loves us and gave us a good world to take care of.

Genesis 1 - 2; Exodus 34:4-7; Numbers 14:17-20; Psalm 8; Psalm 107; John 3:16-21

We turned away from God - becoming broken people in a broken world. *Genesis 3 - 6; Romans 1:18 - 3:20; Romans 8:22-23* 

God is rescuing the whole world by rescuing his chosen people. Genesis 12:1-3; Deuteronomy 28 - 30; Isaiah 53; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Acts 6:8 - 7:60; Romans 8:18-21

To rescue them God sent Jesus as their King and raised him from the dead to rule all of creation.

Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 4:14-21; John 17; Acts 2:1-36; Acts 10; Acts 13:13-43; Romans 1:1-6; Romans 3:21 - 5:11; Ephesians 1:3-10; Philippians 2:1-11; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1; Hebrews 2:10-18

To be rescued we join God's chosen people by following Jesus. *Matthew 4:12-22; Matthew 9:9-13; Matthew* 17:1-8; Luke 9:23-25; John 6:25-71; John 10:22-30; Acts 2:38-47; Acts 4:8-12; Acts 15:1-35; Acts 17:16-34; Acts 26; 2 Corinthians 5:11 - 6:2

#### Jesus

Jesus is God's eternal, unique son who announced God's Kingdom, died for the

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world's sins, and rose bodily from the dead in victory. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell his story. He is the Christ, or Messiah - God's Chosen King and the world's true Lord. He reveals who God really is.

1 Corinthians 15; Acts 2:14-36; Matthew 11:25-30; John 1:1-18; Colossians 1:15-23; Hebrews 1:1-4

### **Following Jesus**

The Bible uses many terms to describe those who follow Jesus: believer, born again, Christian, disciple, saint, saved.

**Believer** - someone who believes in or has faith in Jesus and therefore follows him.

John 4:39-41; Acts 2:44-47; Acts 4:31-32; Galatians 6:9-10; James 2:1

**Born again** - those who believe in Jesus are born again from God's Spirit. You must be born again to see or enter the Kingdom of God. *John 3:1-21* 

**Christian** - means "belonging to Christ" "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch" - Acts 11:19-26

**Disciples** - those who are trained by the one they are following. *Matthew 5:1-2; Acts 6:1-7; Acts 9:1-31; Acts 11:19-26; Acts 18:23* 

Saints - those who are "sanctified", or set apart for God's use.

Romans 1:1-8; Ephesians 1:1-2; Philippians 1:1-2

Saved - those who by following Jesus have been rescued from this world and 4 of 6