

Emmanuel Free Church

Membership Class

Session 7: EFC Policies, Goals & Your Next Steps

1) EFC POLICIES

- a) [Marriage Statement](#)
- b) Wedding Policy

2) EFC GOALS

- a) Great Commission
 - i) Currently
 - (1) Local Discipleship
 - (2) Missions Abroad
 - (a) Condras
 - (b) Escobars
 - ii) Future
 - (1) Discipleship: Purpose is Christ-likeness and Maturity / (Refer to Website "Discipleship" / TRACK / co-teach SS class -> solo teach SS -> preach -> pastor (an EFC church plant?) or EFC missionary
 - (2) Financial: Debt Free in 5 years
 - (3) Administrative: Facility Use Policy / Emergency Planning

3) WHERE TO GO FROM THIS CLASS:

- a) Continue attending EFC without pursuing membership
- b) Fill out Application & schedule a Membership Interview with Pastor & Deacons.
The following are likely talking points during your interview:
 - i) Do you know for sure that if you died today that you would go to heaven? How do you know?
 - ii) What kind of spiritual growth do you hope to see in yourself and your family over the next 5 years?
 - iii) In light of the expectations of members discussed, describe your intended commitment to EFC if you become a member.
 - iv) Describe your personal and family standards of purity and modesty.
 - v) Do you intend to submit yourself to the leadership of EFC that God has placed here?
 - vi) Do you intend to support the ministry of EFC through your regular giving, serving, praying, and attendance?
 - vii) Describe your understanding of the roles of men and women in the home and in the church.
 - viii) Describe your convictions about choosing between activities on Sundays or church attendance.

- ix) In what ways are you committed to providing a godly home for your children?
- x) If the Church carried out the discipline process with one of your friends in the church and you were instructed to discontinue fellowship with them would you do that?
- xi) Are you open to correction? How do you handle it when someone approaches you about an issue in your life?
- xii) Do you have any unresolved issues with previous churches? Are you under church discipline by another church?
- xiii) What churches have you attended in the past 5-10 years? Why did you leave?
- xiv) What are your convictions regarding the LGBTQ lifestyles?
- xv) Are you involved with any secret organizations?
- xvi) Do you understand, agree with, and affirm the doctrinal position of this church? Do you pledge to uphold, teach, defend, and affirm the doctrines of EFC and not undermine or teach things contrary to our statement of faith?
- xvii) Is there anything that we need to know that has not been covered in this interview as we consider your application for membership?

After the Interview: Denial, Delay, or Approval

- A. A “Denial” decision is rejecting the applicant for membership based on clear evidence that they are not saved, would not uphold the teachings of EFC, or another area of clear concern. Until the applicant shows a change membership cannot be granted.
- B. A “Delay” decision is different from a Denial in that there are still some areas of uncertainty to be resolved. Clarification for the sake of the applicant or the Pastor and Deacons is needed in these areas before membership is approved.
- C. Approval by Pastor and Deacons along with a Recommendation to the Congregation to accept Applicants into Membership
- D. Congregational Approval and Affirmation
- E. 90 day probationary period and hazing (just kidding!)



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Discipleship

EFC GOALS

I ♥ Jesus



5 years
Debt free



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(see policies)

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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

If you died today do you know you would go to Heaven?

What kind of personal growth do you hope to see in yourself and your family over next 1-3 years?

Describe your intended commitment to membership

Describe your personal standards of purity and modesty

Do you intend to submit to EFC leadership?

How do you intend to support EFC as a member?

Describe your understanding of roles men and women play in home and church

How do you balance church attendance and other activities on Sunday?

Would you discontinue fellowship with your friend in church if they were disciplined?

Are you open to correction?

Are there unresolved issues with any of your previous churches? Are you under church discipline?

What churches did you attend in last 1-5 years?

What are your convictions about LGBTQ?

Are you a member of a secret organization?

Will you uphold EFC's doctrine?

