

WIC Baptism Preparation: Session 2





When you are baptized at WIC...



You become a member of the congregation.



A. What are the benefits of membership?



1. Identifies me as a genuine believer



1. Membership: Identifies me as a genuine believer

Ephesians 2:19

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also **members of his household,**

Romans 12:5

⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form **one body,** and **each member belongs to all the others.**



What are the benefits of membership?



- 1. Identifies me as a genuine believer**
- 2. Provides me with spiritual support**



2. Provides spiritual support

Galatians 6:1-2

¹ Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



What are the benefits of membership?



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- 2. Provides me with spiritual support**
- 3. Gives a place to use my gifts in ministry**



3. Gives a place to use my gifts in ministry

1 Cor 12:4-7

⁴ There are **different kinds of gifts**, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are **different kinds of service**, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Cor 12:11-13

¹¹ All these are **the work of one and the same Spirit**, and he distributes them (*spiritual gifts*) to each one, just as he determines. ¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body...



What are the benefits of membership?



- 1. Identifies me as a genuine believer**
- 2. Provides me with spiritual support**
- 3. Gives a place to use my gifts in ministry**
- 4. Places me under spiritual protection**



4. Places me under spiritual protection

Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷ Have confidence in **your leaders** and submit to their authority, because **they keep watch over you as those who must give an account**. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Acts 20:28-29

²⁸ **Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock** of which the **Holy Spirit** has made you **overseers**. Be **shepherds of the church of God**, which He bought with His own blood.
²⁹ I know that after I leave, **savage wolves** will come in among you and will not spare the flock.



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- 2. Provides me with spiritual support**
- 3. Gives a place to use my gifts in ministry**
- 4. Places me under spiritual protection**
- 5. Provides accountability for growth**



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Ephesians 5:21

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.



B. Benefits you will only find in the Church



1. Worship



1. Worship...



helps me to focus on God and prepares me spiritually for the week ahead.



B. Benefits you will only find in the Church



1. Worship
2. Fellowship



2. Fellowship...



**helps me face life's problems
through the support and
encouragement of other
Christians.**



B. Benefits you will only find in the Church

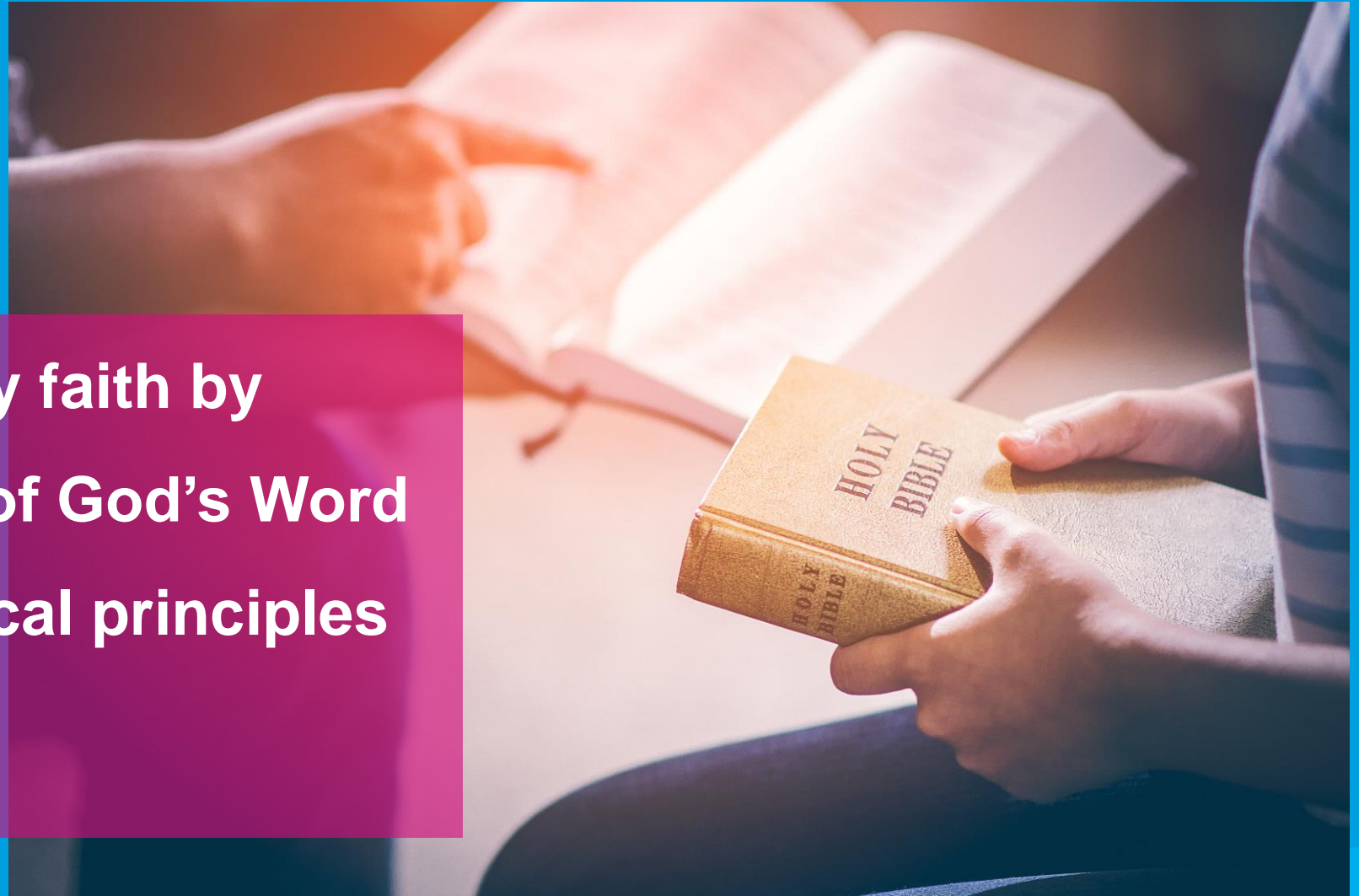


1. Worship
2. Fellowship
3. Discipleship



3. Discipleship...

helps me fortify my faith by learning the truth of God's Word and applying Biblical principles to my life.





B. Benefits you will only find in the Church



1. Worship
2. Fellowship
3. Discipleship
4. Ministry



4. Ministry...



helps me find and develop my talents and use them in serving others.



B. Benefits you will only find in the Church



1. Worship
2. Fellowship
3. Discipleship
4. Ministry
5. Evangelism



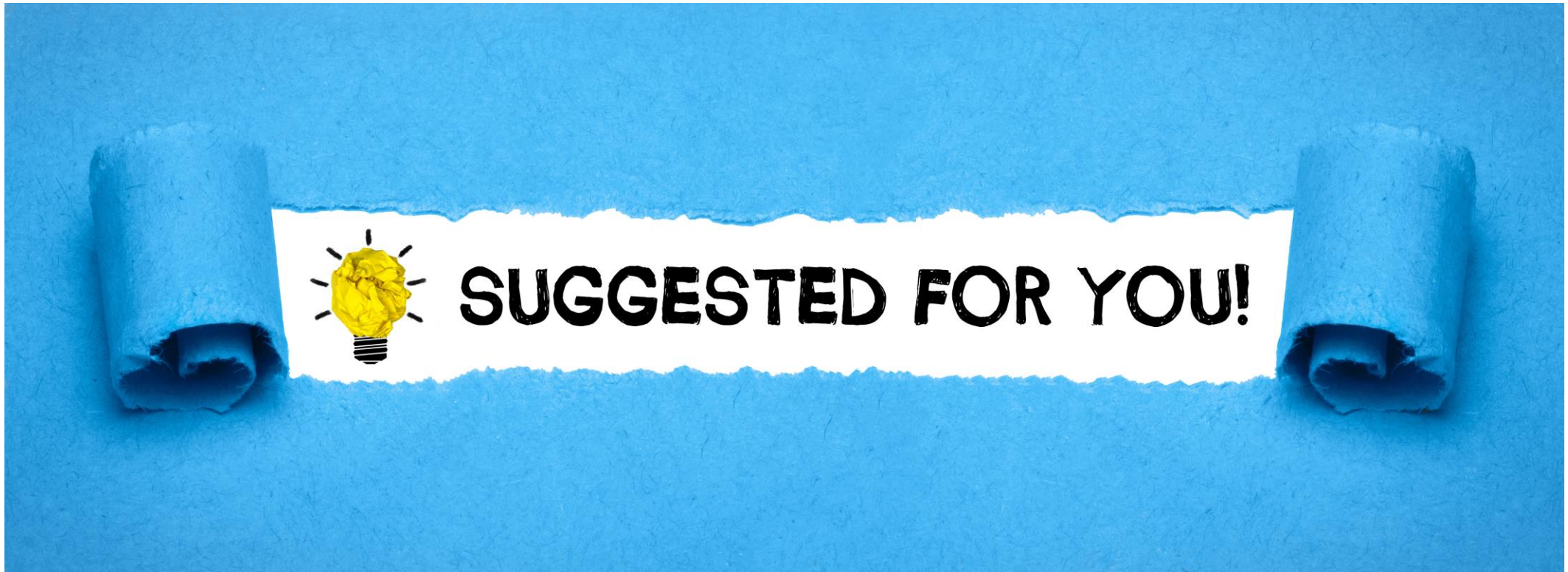
5. Evangelism/telling others...



helps me be part of the exciting work of growing God's Kingdom by sharing His love and truth with others.



C. Other Useful information for you to consider before your baptism....





We will send you the following information sheets:



- 1. Understanding Your New Life In Christ**
- 2. Your New Life in God's Love**
- 3. Your New Life in the Spirit**
- 4. Growing in Your New Life In Christ**



D. What to expect on the day...





1. Practical Details (1)

WEAR

- ~~White clothes if possible~~
- Note that white may be see-through
- Arrive in your baptismal clothes

BRING

- A towel
- A bag for wet clothes
- A set of dry clothes



1. Practical Details (2)

MEET

- **At the theatre stage at 09:30am**
- **You will be given instructions and shown where to change**

EXPECT

- **Blessing**
- **Empowering**
- **Calling**



2. What will happen?

Step 1

- **Get into the baptismal font with the pastor.**

Step 2

- **Answer the following questions:**
 1. **Do you repent of your sins?**
 2. **Do you confess Jesus as your Saviour and Lord?**



2. What will happen? (2)

Step 3

- **Pastor will place hand on your head and back and baptise you in the water.**

Step 4

- **After bringing you up from the water the pastor will say a brief prayer.**

Step 5

- **Go and get dried and changed.**



2. What will happen? (3)

Step 6

- **Be ready to be invited into membership on stage following announcements.**



3. Answer the following questions?

1. Wesley International Congregation is part of Wesley Mission whose mission is: 'Continuing the work of Jesus Christ in Word & Deed. Do you affirm this foundation and mission?

Answer: I do

2. Wesley International Congregation's vision is: "Transformed Lives Transforming Cities". Will you uphold and participate in this mission?

Answer: By faith I will



3. Answer the following questions? (2)

3. As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, will you do all you can to foster and enhance fellowship with your fellow believers in WIC?

Will you be regular in attendance at WIC services?

Will you participate as much as you reasonably can in the life and ministry of the Congregation?

Answer: God-willing I will.



3. Answer the following questions? (3)

4. Will you pray for WIC, its leaders, its missionaries, its members, its workers, its children?
Will you support WIC with your gifts, according to your faith and calling?

Answer: God-willing I will.



3. Answer the following questions? (3)

5. Will you support the leadership of WIC ie the pastoral team and council?

Will you seek to honour the Lord and to enhance the reputation of WIC by living a Godly Christian life?

Answer: God-willing I will.