



MEMBERSHIP

REAL PEOPLE. REAL FAITH. REAL FAMILY.

metanoya

WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP

A Letter from Pastor Jubal García

I want to take a moment to personally welcome you to the Metanoya Membership Course and to tell you how proud I am of you.

You didn't have to be here. But you made a decision. A decision to grow, to commit, and to go deeper in your walk with God. That says a lot about you and I believe it says even more about what God is doing in you.

As your pastor, I want you to know this: you are not just attending a church, you are becoming part of a family. We're not perfect, but we're real. We cry together, celebrate together, pray together, and grow together. And my heart is to see you thrive: spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and in every area of your life.

This Membership Course is more than just information. It's a journey of discovering who we are, what we believe, and how God has uniquely designed you to play a powerful role in His Kingdom. You'll learn about the heart of our house, what we value, and how we serve together with purpose.

My hope is that as you go through these sessions, God will stir something fresh in you. That you won't just learn but that you'll belong. That you'll see this house as your house. That you'll stop sitting on the sidelines and step fully into the calling God has for your life.

I want you to know you matter. You're needed. And I believe with all my heart that your best days are still ahead.

Let's take this journey together.

Anticipating Great Things,



Pastor Jubal García

INDEX



**MEMBERSHIP 101
WELCOME TO METANOYA!**

PAGE 05



**MEMBERSHIP 201
GROWING IN GOD!**

PAGE 25



**MEMBERSHIP 301
BUILT TO SERVE!**

PAGE 43



**MEMBERSHIP 401
LIVING ON MISSION!**

PAGE 54



MEMBERSHIP 101: WELCOME TO METANOYA!

101: WELCOME TO METANOYA!

**Hello everyone! Welcome to Membership 101 called:
WELCOME TO METANOYA!**

We're so glad you're here! Over the next four weeks, you'll grow in faith, connect with God, and discover your place in the Metanoya family.

Let's begin with a quick prayer.

Hi, my name is _____. I'm honored to guide you through this class. (Feel free to share how you came to Metanoya.)

The foundation of this class is found in:

Ephesians 2:19 (NLT): "So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family."

Would you please circle:

"God's family"

"Members"

"No longer strangers and foreigners"

These words reveal some key truths about what it means to be part of the church. Let's look at them together...

1. THE CHURCH IS A **FAMILY**.

- ▶ ***Ephesians 2:19 (NLT): "You are members of God's family."***
- ▶ The church isn't a building, it's a big family.
- ▶ When you believe in Jesus, you're born into God's family. That means every Christian all over the world is your brother or sister in Christ!

2. GOD WANTS ME TO BE A **MEMBER OF A CHURCH FAMILY.**

- ▶ ***Ephesians 2:19 (NLT): “You are members of God’s family.”***
- ▶ You can’t grow in your faith all by yourself.
- ▶ God wants us to follow Jesus together; by loving, helping, and cheering each other on. That’s why you need a church family to say, “This is my home!”

3. A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT A CHURCH FAMILY IS LIKE AN **ORPHAN.**

- ▶ ***Ephesians 2:19 (NLT): “you are no longer strangers and foreigners...”***
- ▶ God made us to be part of a church family. Without one, it’s like being a spiritual orphan.
- ▶ Faith grows best when we stop church hopping and put down roots in a church we call home.



Goal:

I will commit myself to Jesus Christ and the Metanoya Church family.

How Metanoya Church Began

Metanoya Church started as a rehabilitation ministry called Outcry in the Barrio.

Our founders, Pastor Freddie and Ninfa Garcia were once trapped in addiction to drugs and alcohol. In 1966, they experienced a life-changing transformation through Jesus Christ in Los Angeles, California.

After their salvation, they returned to San Antonio to share Jesus' saving power with others struggling like they had been. In 1970, they opened their home to anyone seeking freedom from addiction.

As lives were transformed, Pastor Freddie encouraged individuals to connect with local churches, but many weren't open to welcoming former addicts. In response, Pastor Freddie and Ninfa started Metanoya Church on Mother's Day in 1973, a place where anyone could belong, grow, and serve in God's Kingdom.

In 2004, when Pastor Freddie retired, the global board of directors chose Pastor Jubal Garcia to lead the ministry.

Since then, God has done amazing things:

- ▶ Outcry in the Barrio built a brand-new recovery home to help people break free from addiction.
- ▶ Metanoya Church in San Antonio grew bigger and stronger.
- ▶ The ministry spread around the world with Outcry Homes and Metanoya Churches in more than eight countries!

Our Mission is still the same: To reach people who are lost and bring them hope through Jesus Christ!

Our Message is simple: There is hope and His name is Jesus. No one is too far gone. He can set anyone free.

1. THE METANOYA CHURCH MISSION

Every church has a plan. Ours is simple: **Metanoya is a church for people who are unchurched.**

Want to know where that mission comes from?

Luke 19:10 (NLT): “For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

At Metanoya, we focus on people who feel far from God. We keep it real, talking about everyday struggles and making the Bible easy to understand.

- ▶ We try our best to make Metanoya welcoming to everyone.
- ▶ We preach sermons about real life issues.
- ▶ Our goal is to lead people to Jesus Christ.

**At the end of this class and every membership class,
you’ll get a chance to make a commitment.
It’s your chance to say, “I want to grow in my faith and
be part of the Metanoya family.”**

**Why is this important? Because what you commit
to shapes who you become.**

Every church needs a structure, or a way it’s set up. Metanoya is no exception. Please go to the next section entitled: The Metanoya Structure.

2. THE METANOYA STRUCTURE

1 Corinthians 14:33, 40 (NLT): “For God is not a God of disorder, but of peace... Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”

At Metanoya, we believe that God works through order. That’s why we have a clear plan and structure.

When we follow God’s order, it brings unity, growth, and blessing. Now, let’s look at how our church is set up. There are three things we want you to know about how Metanoya is structured:

A. METANOYA CHURCH IS A COMMUNITY.

- ▶ Community means: Encouraging one another, and helping each other stay strong in following Jesus together.
- ▶ We don’t just want to be a place you attend on Sunday morning, we want to love you, and serve you through every season of life.

B. METANOYA CHURCH IS A BODY.

- ▶ ***Romans 12:4–5 (NLT): “We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.”***
- ▶ At Metanoya, church isn’t just about attending, it’s about being part of the body of Christ and finding your place to serve God.
- ▶ Every person matters. Every person has a gift. When we each do our part, the whole church grows stronger.
- ▶ You’re not here by accident; God brought you here to use your life, gifts, and story. You’re already an important part of this family and we need you.

C. METANOYA CHURCH IS A **FLOCK**.

- ▶ What's a flock? A flock is a group of sheep cared for by a shepherd.
- ▶ ***John 21:15 (NLT): "After breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' Peter replied, 'You know I love you.' 'Then take care of my sheep,' Jesus told him."***
- ▶ Let's focus on the phrase "take care of my sheep." In Greek, that phrase means "pastor."
- ▶ In the Bible, God compares the church to a flock, and pastors are called to be shepherds who lead, protect, and care for the people.

God designed the church to be a community, a body, and a flock each picture showing how we're meant to be connected, cared for, and growing together.

At Metanoya, you're not just attending a service, you're part of something bigger. You belong here. And together, we're stronger.

Now that we've talked about our mission, and how our church is structured, it's time to talk about our purpose as a church, what we believe biblically as a church, and how we want to live as a church.

Please turn go the next section in your workbook entitled: The Metanoya Church Statements.

3. THE METANOYA CHURCH STATEMENTS

Every Church Needs a Clear Purpose. In this next session, we're going to talk about three things: Our Statement of Purpose, Our Statement Of Faith, and Our Lifestyle Statement. Let's walk through each one together:

Our Statement of Purpose

At Metanoya, our purpose is built on five key areas. These 5 things guide everything we do as a church and help us stay focused on what matters most.

1. WE CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE: WORSHIP.

- ▶ Our goal is to help people know Jesus personally.
- ▶ At Metanoya, Sundays are designed to lift you up, strengthen your faith, and equip you to live for Jesus all week long.

2. WE KNOW GOD'S FAMILY: FELLOWSHIP.

- ▶ Fellowship means building real relationships where people feel connected and loved.
- ▶ We strengthen each other by praying, encouraging, and helping through every season of life because at Metanoya, fellowship is love in action, and no one should ever have to walk alone.

3. WE EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE: DISCIPLESHIP.

- ▶ Discipleship is growing to become more like Jesus. It starts at salvation and continues as we learn and live out God's Word.

- ▶ Christians grow best in community; through real relationships, Bible Studies and Small Groups.

4. WE DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE: MINISTRY.

- ▶ Ministry means serving others with love; using your time, gifts, and resources to meet real needs in the church and community.
- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe everyone has a gift. Everyone can serve. Everyone matters. That's what it means to love and serve like Jesus.

5. WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS: EVANGELISM.

- ▶ ***Romans 10:13–14 (NLT): “How can they believe if they’ve never heard? And how can they hear unless someone tells them?”***
- ▶ Evangelism means sharing the Good News that Jesus saves, heals, and gives new life.
- ▶ You don't need to be a preacher, just tell your story. Someone's life could change because you invited them to church, encouraged them, or shared Jesus with them.

What We Believe

At Metanoya, we believe in the core truths of God's Word; truths that shape how we live. Let's talk about what our church believes:

1. WE BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe there is one true God who created everything, sustains everything, and rules over all. God is one, but He exists in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; equal and

united as one God (Matthew 28:19).

- ▶ We believe that God is eternal: He has no beginning or end (Psalm 90:2), all-powerful: Nothing is too hard for Him (Jeremiah 32:17), He is all-knowing: His understanding is beyond comprehension (Psalm 147:5), and present everywhere: There is nowhere we can go to escape His presence (Psalm 139:7–10).
- ▶ This is the God we worship: Eternal, sovereign, and always with us.

2. WE BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe that Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully man. He wasn't just a good teacher or prophet, He is God in human form, sent to save us.
- ▶ Jesus has always existed and is one with the Father (John 1:1). He became fully human, lived a sinless life, and understands everything we go through (Hebrews 4:15).
- ▶ He was born to a virgin named Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit, fulfilling prophecy and proving He was sent by God (Matthew 1:23).
- ▶ Jesus came to rescue us from sin. We couldn't save ourselves, so He died in our place (Romans 5:8). He rose from the dead three days later, proving His power over sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- ▶ Today, Jesus is alive and seated at the right hand of God. One day, He will return to establish His Kingdom forever. His life, death, and resurrection are the foundation of our faith and our only hope for salvation.

3. WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe the Holy Spirit is a person, not a force, and He is fully God, equal with the Father and the Son.

- ▶ He lives in every believer (1 Corinthians 6:19), guides us into truth (John 16:13), and gives us the power to live for God and boldly share our faith (Acts 1:8).
- ▶ The Holy Spirit is active in the world today and is essential to living the Christian life (Galatians 5:25).

4. WE BELIEVE IN GOD'S DESIGN FOR HUMANITY.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe every person was created in the image of God: Intentionally, purposefully, and with great value (Genesis 1:27).
- ▶ Being made in God's image means we were created with a human spirit to connect with God, the free will to make real choices, the ability to think and create, and the capacity for relationships.
- ▶ We are not accidents, we were made by God and for God, and we believe every person was designed for a personal relationship with Him.

5. WE BELIEVE SIN BROKE THE WORLD.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe that sin is the reason the world is broken. Sin entered through Adam and Eve's disobedience and has affected every person since (Romans 5:12).
- ▶ Sin is not just making mistakes; it is rebellion against God and breaks our relationship with Him (1 John 3:4).
- ▶ Because of sin, we are born with a sinful nature and naturally lean toward disobedience. Sin separates us from God and brings pain, death, and spiritual separation (Romans 7:18-20).

6. WE BELIEVE JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe salvation is God's greatest gift; it can't be earned, only received by grace through faith in Jesus (John 3:16).
- ▶ Salvation means being rescued from sin, made right with God, and given eternal life. To receive it, we must first recognize our need for a Savior (Romans 3:23), put our trust in Jesus; believing He died and rose from the dead (Romans 10:9), and receive God's grace by faith (Ephesians 2:8).
- ▶ When we are born again, we are forgiven, made new, filled with the Holy Spirit, and promised eternal life. Salvation is not the end, it's the beginning of a new life with Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17).

7. WE BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe the church is not a building, it's a community of people who follow Jesus. The Bible calls the church the Body of Christ, where every believer has a role, and Jesus is the head (1 Corinthians 12:12–13).
- ▶ The church is also the family of God, made up of people from every background who belong to Him (Ephesians 2:19).
- ▶ The church exists to carry out God's mission: to worship together, grow in faith, serve one another, share the Good News of Jesus, and support each other through every season of life (Acts 2:42–47).

8. WE BELIEVE IN THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe in the Rapture; a future moment when Jesus will return to take all believers, both living and dead, to be with Him forever (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).
- ▶ It will happen suddenly and supernaturally, as believers are caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Dead believers will rise first, and living believers will be instantly transformed. We will be

united with Jesus in heaven before judgment comes to the earth.

- ▶ The Rapture is not something to fear; it's our blessed hope (Titus 2:13). Until that day, we stay watchful, live faithfully, and share the Gospel with others.

9. WE BELIEVE IN THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe Jesus is coming back again; this time not as a humble servant, but as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This event, called the Second Coming, will be public, powerful, and seen by the whole world (Revelation 1:7; Matthew 24:30; Revelation 19:11–16).
- ▶ It is different from the Rapture, when Jesus comes for His church. At the Second Coming, Jesus returns with His church to defeat evil and establish His kingdom on earth. He will bring justice, rule with righteousness, and reign forever.

10. WE BELIEVE IN HEAVEN: OUR ETERNAL HOME.

- ▶ At Metanoya, we believe Heaven is a real place where God dwells and where all who trust in Jesus will live forever (Revelation 21:4).
- ▶ It is a place of joy, peace, rest, reward, and reunion with other believers. Heaven cannot be earned through good works; it is a gift received by faith in Jesus Christ, the only way to the Father (John 14:6).
- ▶ We believe Heaven is the blessed hope of every believer; the final and forever home for those who follow Jesus.

Our Lifestyle Statement

At Metanoya, we believe following Jesus isn't just about believing the right things, it's about living them out.

The Bible calls us to live differently from the unsaved world and reflect God's love, truth, and holiness in everything we do (Romans 12:2).
Here's what that looks like in everyday life...

1. THE BIBLE IS OUR **FINAL AUTHORITY**.

- ▶ ***2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT): "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives..."***
- ▶ We believe the Bible is completely trustworthy, and the ultimate guide for life. At Metanoya, The Bible, not society or feelings shapes what we teach, how we lead, and how we live every day.

2. **JESUS CHRIST** IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.

- ▶ ***Colossians 1:18 (NLT): "Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything."***
- ▶ Jesus is the head of the church, and our pastors serve under His authority.

3. EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A **MINISTER**.

- ▶ ***1 Peter 2:9 (NLT): "But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God..."***

- ▶ We believe every believer has direct access to God through Jesus. You don't need a title to pray, serve, or witness, you're already a minister.

4. EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE **WATER BAPTIZED**.

- ▶ ***Matthew 28:19 (NLT): "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."***
- ▶ Baptism is how we publicly show our faith in Jesus and celebrate our new life in Him.
- ▶ Going under the water represents dying to our old life, and coming up shows we've been raised to new life in Christ (Romans 6:4).
- ▶ At Metanoya, we baptize by full immersion, for believers only and we celebrate it as a joyful next step of obedience.

5. WE LIVE BY THE POWER OF THE **HOLY SPIRIT**.

- ▶ ***John 15:5 (NLT) - "Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me, you can do nothing."***
- ▶ Following Jesus means letting the Holy Spirit guide your life (John 15:5). He leads us into truth (John 16:13), grows godly character in us (Galatians 5:22-23), and gives us power to live for God (Acts 1:8).

Now that we've talked about our purpose, our beliefs, and how we live for Jesus, please turn to the final section in your workbook called "What Is Expected of Me as a Church Member".

This is the last part of tonight's session, and we're so glad you made it here. Let's finish strong, excited for what God is going to do through your life and your place in this church family!

What is Expected of Me as a Church Member?

At Metanoya, we ask our members to do what the Bible teaches all Christians to do. By joining Metanoya Church, you're committing to the following:

1. I WILL **KEEP MY CHURCH UNITED.**

- ▶ We protect unity by loving others, avoiding gossip, and respecting our Pastors/Leaders.
- ▶ Loving others means being patient, forgiving, and encouraging, just like Jesus (Romans 14:19).
- ▶ We avoid gossip by speaking words that build up, not tear down (Ephesians 4:29).
- ▶ We respect our Pastors by praying for them and supporting their leadership (Hebrews 13:17).

2. I WILL **SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH.**

- ▶ As members, we pray for growth, invite others, and welcome every guest with love.
- ▶ Please pray daily for Metanoya to grow in faith, love, and impact (Ephesians 6:18).
- ▶ Invite people who don't know Jesus; your story could change their life (Luke 14:23).
- ▶ Help us welcome guests like family with a smile, a kind word, and a warm heart (Romans 15:7).

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH.

- ▶ God gave you unique gifts to make a difference. When you serve, you live out your purpose (1 Peter 4:10).
- ▶ Our pastors are here to equip and train you so you can serve with confidence and impact (Ephesians 4:12).
- ▶ Like Jesus, we lead by serving, not with pride, but with humility and love (Mark 10:45).

4. I WILL SUPPORT MY CHURCH.

- ▶ Faithful attendance helps you grow spiritually and stay connected to God's family (Hebrews 10:25).
- ▶ Living by God's Word shows your faith in action (James 1:22).
- ▶ Tithing funds the mission of the church and honors God as your provider (Proverbs 3:9).



METANOYA CHURCH **MEMBERSHIP 101 COMMITMENT**

To become a member of Metanoya Church, complete all four steps below. Fill out the information and turn in your commitment.

1. My Commitment to Christ.

- ▶ Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ and trusted Him for salvation?
☐ Yes (Write when and where: _____)
- ☐ No, please talk to our team after class so we can lead you to Christ.

2. Baptism by Immersion.

- ▶ Have you been baptized by immersion (underwater) after committing your life to Christ?
☐ Yes (Write when and where: _____)
- ☐ No, I need to be baptized (We'll help you book a baptism date!).

3. Completion of Membership 101.

- ▶ Have you completed Membership 101: Welcome To Metanoya?
☐ Yes (Enter today's date: _____)

4. The Membership 101 Commitment.

► Do you desire to live by the Metanoya Membership Commitment?

☐ Yes (Sign and date below)

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Closing Prayer

Lord,

Thank You for every person here and for what You're doing through Metanoya. This church is more than a building, it's a movement for Your Kingdom.

Thank You for allowing us to be part of something that changes lives. Help us honor that calling and stay committed to the purpose You've given us.

As we take this step into membership, help us see the eternal impact we can have together. Shape us, grow us, and use us for Your glory.

Bless each person here as they serve You with joy.

In Jesus' name Amen.

Now turn to someone near you, give them a big smile, and say:
"Welcome to the family!" 🎉



MEMBERSHIP 201: GROWING IN GOD!

201: GROWING IN GOD!

Colossians 4:12 (NTV): “Epaphras, a member of your own fellowship and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. He always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident that you are following the whole will of God.”

Welcome to Membership 201 called: GROWING IN GOD!

At Metanoya, we believe every Christian should grow strong in their faith and follow God's will. This class builds on what you learned in 101 and helps you grow deeper, become more confident in your walk with God, and live out your faith every day.

Let's get started!

What is Spiritual Growth?

Spiritual Growth means: **BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS.**

Ephesians 4:13 (JBP): “...We arrive at real maturity—the measure of development which is meant by the fullness of Christ.”

God's plan is for us to grow in faith and become more like Christ in how we think, love, and live. Let's start with learning a few things about spiritual growth:

1. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS NOT AUTOMATIC.

- ▶ When you are born again, that is the starting line. In order to grow in your relationship with Jesus, you are going to have to be intentional.
- ▶ ***1 Timothy 4:7 (NTV): “Train yourself to be Godly...”***

2. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS A PROCESS.

- ▶ **2 Peter 3:18 (NLT): “You must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”**
- ▶ Spiritual Growth doesn’t happen overnight. Growth takes time and consistency.

3. SPIRITUAL GROWTH REQUIRES DISCIPLINE.

- ▶ Spiritual Growth takes a commitment to developing new habits.
- ▶ **Colossians 3:10 (NLT): “Put on your new nature... and become like Him.”**
- ▶ God transforms us by replacing old habits with new ones.



The Goal of this Class is Simple:
To help you commit to the habits that will help you Grow Spiritually.

In Session 201, we’re going to explore four key habits that will help you grow in your walk with God.

Each habit will be clearly explained and we’ll show you how to actually live them out in your daily life. Let’s begin with the first one:

1. THE HABIT OF GOD'S WORD

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NLT): “All Scripture is inspired by God... It corrects us... teaches us to do what is right... and equips us to do every good work.”

The Bible helps us grow. It shows us the truth, corrects our mistakes, and teaches us how to live this new Christian life.

That's why every believer should have their own Bible, read it daily, and bring it to church every Sunday. When you follow along during the message, it helps you understand and apply what God is saying.

At Metanoya, we use the NLT (New Living Translation) to make God's Word clear and easy to understand.

Now let's get practical. To become a true student of the Bible, you need a strong grip on it.



Grab a pen and outline your hand on a sheet of paper. Each finger will represent a simple way to hold on to God's Word and build the habit that will transform your life.

A. PINKY: HEAR THE WORD.



- ▶ **Romans 10:17 (NLT): “Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”**
- ▶ Listen to sermons on the Metanoya App, or the Bible on audio. Faith grows by hearing God's Word.

B. RING FINGER: READ THE WORD.



- ▶ *Revelation 1:3 (NLT): "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words..."*
- ▶ Read the Bible daily to keep God's truth in front of you.

C. MIDDLE FINGER: STUDY THE WORD.



- ▶ *Acts 17:11 (NLT): "They examined the Scriptures every day..."*
- ▶ Go deeper. Ask questions, take notes, and dig into what it means.

D. INDEX FINGER: MEMORIZE THE WORD.



- ▶ *Psalms 119:11 (NLT): "I have hidden your word in my heart..."*
- ▶ Store God's Word in your heart so you can use it anytime.

E. THUMB: MEDITATE ON THE WORD.



- ▶ *Psalms 1:2 (NLT): "Blessed is the one who meditates on his law..."*
- ▶ Think about what you've read. Let it sink into your heart and mind.



F. PALM: APPLY THE WORD.

- ▶ *James 1:22 (NLT): "Do not merely listen to the word... Do what it says."*
- ▶ God's Word only changes us when we live it out.

Grabbing just one finger isn't enough. But when you use all six, you have a strong grip on God's Word. Let's grow by committing to these daily habits together.

How to Have a Quiet Time with God

Spending time with God daily helps you grow closer to Him.
Here's a simple way to get started:

1. PICK A TIME THAT WORKS.

- ▶ Jesus prayed early in the morning (Mark 1:35). Choose a time when you're alert and focused; morning, lunch, or night, just be consistent.

2. FIND A QUIET PLACE.

- ▶ Jesus often went to quiet places to pray (Luke 22:39). Pick a spot with few distractions: Your room, car, or a peaceful corner.

3. BRING YOUR BIBLE AND JOURNAL.

- ▶ God's Word guides us (Psalm 119:105). Use a Bible translation you can understand and a notebook to write down what God shows you.

4. COME WITH THE RIGHT HEART.

- ▶ Ask God to help you see His truth (Psalm 119:18). Come ready to learn, listen, and obey.

5. USE THE S.O.A.P. METHOD:

S – Scripture: Write down a verse that stands out.

O – Observation: What does it mean?

A – Application: How can you live this out today?

P – Prayer: Talk to God about what you learned.

When we read the Bible, we hear from God. But communication goes both ways. The next habit helps us talk back to Him and that brings us to Habit #2:

2. THE HABIT OF PRAYER

Prayer is more than words, it's how we connect with God and invite His power into every part of our lives. It strengthens our relationship with Him and helps us grow spiritually.

Let's talk about 5 Key Reasons Why Prayer Matters:

A. PRAYER BUILDS RELATIONSHIP.

- ▶ Like any friendship, your relationship with God grows through regular, honest conversation. We encourage you to talk to Jesus every day.

B. PRAYER BRINGS PEACE.

- ▶ When we pray, we trade our worries for God's peace (Philippians 4:6–7).
- ▶ You can have peace or you can have worry, but you can't have both. Pray, give your worries to God, and learn to live in peace.

C. PRAYER BRINGS POWER.

- ▶ God moves when we pray in faith. Prayer changes things; and us (James 5:16).

D. PRAYER GIVES US DIRECTION.

- ▶ Through prayer, God speaks, guides, and gives clarity (Jeremiah 33:3).

E. PRAYER ALIGNS OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S WILL.

- ▶ Prayer isn't just asking for things; it's letting God shape our desires and align our hearts with His will (Psalm 37:4).

How to Pray

Prayer is how we connect with God. It's simple, but powerful. Jesus gave us a model to follow in the Lord's Prayer. Here are three clear steps to build a strong prayer life:

1. START WITH PRAISE.

- ▶ ***Matthew 6:9 (NLT): "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name."***
- ▶ Begin by focusing on who God is. Praise Him for His goodness, and thank Him for what He's done. This shifts your focus from your problems to God's power.

2. SURRENDER TO GOD'S WILL.

- ▶ ***Matthew 6:10 (NLT): "May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."***
- ▶ Prayer is not about getting our way, it's about trusting God's way. Lay down your plans, worries, and questions, and ask for His will to be done in your life.

3. ASK FOR DAILY NEEDS.

- ▶ ***Matthew 6:11 (NLT): "Give us today the food we need."***

- ▶ Bring your needs to God. Ask Him for strength, peace, provision, and help in every area of life. He cares about it all.

Prayer isn't complicated. Praise God, trust His will, and bring Him your needs. As you do, your heart will grow closer to His.

**When we pray, we trust God with our hearts.
But there's another powerful way we show trust—with our finances.
That brings us to Habit #3:**

3. THE HABIT OF TITHING

Proverbs 3:9 (NTV): "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce."

Tithing is giving the first 10% of your income to God, it's how we put Him first in our finances. It's not about money, it's about trust. Like prayer and reading the Bible, tithing is a habit that grows our faith.

When we tithe, we honor God with our resources, trust Him as our Provider, and support the mission of the church.

Tithing helps build God's Kingdom and reminds us that everything we have comes from Him. It's a step of obedience that brings blessing, joy, and spiritual growth.

That's why tithing isn't just a church tradition; it's a biblical habit that reflects our heart and deepens our walk with God.

So let's start with the basics:

What Is Tithing?

Tithing means giving the first 10% of your income to God. **The word “tithe” literally means “first-tenth,”** and it represents the first and best portion, not just any amount.

Tithing is different from offerings. A tithe is the first 10% given in obedience to God; an offering is anything given beyond that. Tithing is the starting point of generosity and a way to put God first in your finances, recognizing Him as your source and provider.

Tithing isn't just about money, it's about trust, obedience, and honoring God with what He's given you.

Proverbs 3:9 (NLT): “Honor the Lord with your wealth and the best part of everything you produce.”

Where Should I Give my Tithe?

According to Scripture, your tithe (the first 10%) belongs in your local church. ***Malachi 3:10 (NLT)*** says: ***“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,”*** which, in our context, means the church where you worship and grow spiritually.

While it's good to give to charities or causes, that's considered an offering not a tithe. Tithing is a specific act of worship, where we bring our first and best to God through His house. It's a way to support the mission of your church and honor God with your obedience and trust.

When Should I Tithe?

Tithing is about putting God first. ***1 Corinthians 16:2 (NLT)*** says, ***“On the first day of every week, set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering...”*** This shows us the principle: give first, not last.

Whether you're paid weekly or monthly, set aside your tithe before anything else. It's a declaration that God comes first in your life and your finances.

To stay consistent, you can automate your tithe using the Metanoya App, and give one-time gifts from extra income or side jobs.

Tithing isn't just a routine, it's an act of worship that keeps your heart aligned with God.

Why Should I Tithe?

The Bible gives several clear reasons to tithe:

FIRST, GOD COMMANDS IT.

- ▶ In Leviticus 27:3, calling the tithe holy and set apart for Him.

SECOND, JESUS AFFIRMED IT.

- ▶ In Matthew 23:23, Jesus said we should tithe while not neglecting other spiritual matters.

THIRD, TITHING PUTS GOD FIRST.

- ▶ Deuteronomy 14:23 teaches us to keep God first in every part of life.

FORTH, TITHING REMINDS ME THAT EVERYTHING COMES FROM GOD.

- ▶ Deuteronomy 8:18 reminds us that it's God who gives us the ability to create wealth.

FIFTH, TITHING SHOWS GRATITUDE.

- ▶ Psalm 116:12 speaks about a heart that is grateful to God. Tithing is a small way we can say thank you to God for all of his blessings in our lives.

SIXTH, TITHING OPENS THE DOOR TO GOD'S BLESSINGS.

- ▶ In Malachi 3:10, God promises to provide more than enough when we trust Him with our finances and learn to tithe.
- ▶ ***Malachi 3:10 (NLT): "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"***

Tithing Challenge at Metanoya Church

- ▶ Tithe 10% of your income faithfully for 6 months.
- ▶ If God isn't blessing you abundantly, we'll refund every dollar you gave.
- ▶ We're not promising you'll get rich. We're promising you'll experience the peace, provision, and favor that comes when you honor God first.

This is only for people who give through the Metanoya App or website. You must track your giving through our secure platform. We don't want someone showing up in 6 months saying, 'I gave cash one time in February, where's my refund?'

You can set up your tithing today on the Metanoya App Register and set up your reoccurring gift and start giving financially to God's house. Don't just give, give in faith, trusting God and knowing he will bless you abundantly.

The Man Who Tested God:

There was a man in a church who took the 6-month tithing challenge. He was skeptical. He wrote in his journal, 'I'll do it, but I don't think anything will change.' Six months later, he had a new job, less debt, and more importantly, peace. He told his pastor, 'The money was great but the peace was priceless.'

Don't miss this: When you put God first, He takes care of the rest. You don't just live. You live secure. You live a blessed life.

We stand on this promise from God:

Malachi 3:10 (NLT): "Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty. "See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in."

Take the step. Trust God. Watch what He does.

Giving is one way we stay connected to God's mission.

But we're not called to do life alone. God designed us to grow with others. That leads us to Habit #4:

4. THE HABIT OF FELLOWSHIP

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT): “Let us not give up meeting together, but encourage one another.”

Fellowship is the habit of regularly gathering with other believers to support, encourage, and grow in your walk with God. Christianity was never meant to be lived alone, it includes other believers.

Why Fellowship Matters:

1. YOU BELONG TO GOD’S FAMILY.

- ▶ ***Ephesians 2:19*** says, ***“we are part of God’s household.”***
- ▶ We’re not meant to do life alone, we all belong in spiritual family.

2. WE NEED EACH OTHER.

- ▶ Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 says that we lift each other up when someone falls.
- ▶ Galatians 6:1 tells us to restore one another with grace and love.
- ▶ We carry each other’s burdens and grow stronger together.

3. FELLOWSHIP SHOWS THE WORLD JESUS IS REAL.

- ▶ ***John 13:35 (NTV): “Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples.”***
- ▶ Every act of love within the church is a testimony to the world.

4. FELLOWSHIP HELPS US USE OUR GIFTS.

- ▶ 1 Peter 4:10 explains that God gave you gifts to strengthen others.
- ▶ Fellowship gives you a place to serve, encourage, and be strengthened.

How Can A Large Church Maintain Close Friendships?

THE ANSWER IS SMALL GROUPS.

At Metanoya, we believe every member needs a small group. While Sunday services are powerful for worship and preaching, small groups are where real relationships are built. That's where you share life, pray together, and grow deeper in your faith.

The early church gave us the model: ***Acts 5:42 (NLT): "They met day after day in the Temple courts and from house to house."***

They gathered in two ways:

- ▶ In Large Groups for Worship (The Temple Courts)
- ▶ In Small Groups for Fellowship (House to House)

We follow the same pattern: We grow big in worship, and we stay small in relationships.

Small groups of 10–15 people help make a big church feel like family. It's where real connection happens and where life transformation begins.

What is The Purpose of Small Groups?

Small groups are where faith grows, friendships form, and real life-change happens. Here's what they're all about:

1. **BIBLE STUDY**: Learn God's Word together and grow spiritually.
2. **FELLOWSHIP**: Build unity and encourage one another.
3. **COMMUNION**: Remember Jesus' sacrifice by taking communion together.
4. **PRAYER**: Pray with and for each other.
5. **SUPPORT**: Help each other through life's challenges.
6. **SOCIAL CONNECTION**: Share meals, laughs, and real friendship.
7. **PRAISE & WORSHIP**: Worship together and celebrate what God is doing.
8. **OUTREACH**: Invite others and share the love of Jesus.

Small groups are how you get to know the family, grow in faith, and live out God's love. Don't do life alone, get connected!



Our Small Groups launch Winter 2025!
Stay tuned on the Metanoya App and sign up
when registration opens!



METANOYA CHURCH **MEMBERSHIP 201 COMMITMENT**

Philippians 2:13 (NTV): “For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”

This class is designed to help you build strong spiritual habits. These habits will help you grow in your relationship with God and become more like Jesus.

My Commitment

I commit to:

- ☐ Daily time with God: through Bible reading and prayer.
- ☐ Faithfully Tithing: giving the first 10% of my income to God.
- ☐ Fellowship with believers: by joining and participating in a small group.

1 Timothy 4:7-8 (NTV): “Train yourself to be godly. Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Closing Statement

Spiritual growth doesn't happen by accident, it happens on purpose. When you build the right habits, you build a strong faith.

You've just learned four essential habits that will shape your future: time in God's Word, prayer, tithing, and fellowship.

These are not just church lessons, they're life anchors. And now, it's your turn. If you live them out, God will grow you into the person He's called you to be.

Prayer

Father,

Thank You for every person taking this step to grow in You. Help us to stay rooted in Your Word, faithful in prayer, generous with our giving, and deeply connected to our church family.

Let these habits become our lifestyle, not out of duty, but out of love. Grow our hearts, shape our character, and lead us closer to You every day.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Final Word

On behalf of Pastor Jubal and the entire Metanoya family, we're proud of you. You're not just attending church... you're growing in God. Keep going. Stay faithful. The best is still ahead.

Let's grow together. Let's live this out. Let's be the church.

We'll see you in 301: Built to Serve.



MEMBERSHIP 301: BUILT TO SERVE!

301: BUILT TO SERVE!

Welcome to Membership 301: Built To Serve!

This is the third class of Metanoya's Membership classes.



Our goal in this class is simple:

To help you discover how God made you and how He wants to use you.

Let's begin today's session with a very important truth
I want you to know:

1. GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO **MINISTRY**.

- ▶ ***Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT): "Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ."***
- ▶ In these verses, the Bible teaches us that:
 - Pastors equip and lead the members of the church.
 - People like you and I become the ministers who God uses.
- ▶ We believe that every believer is called to serve in some way. That includes you!

2. WHAT IS MINISTRY?

- ▶ The word "ministry" comes from the Greek word "diakonos", which means **"TO SERVE."**
- ▶ Ministry is using whatever God has given you; your time, talents, and resources to serve Him and meet the needs of others.

3. AT METANOYA, WE SERVE:

- ▶ **THE LORD** – We honor and obey God with our service. (Acts 13:3)
- ▶ **OTHER BELIEVERS** – We show love by caring for those in the church. (Hebrews 6:10)
- ▶ **NON-BELIEVERS** – We show Jesus' love by being like salt and light in the world. (Matthew 5:13)

Footnote: Salt makes food taste better, and light helps people see. In the same way, when you follow Jesus, your life should make the world better and help others see God's love.

4. WE MINISTER TO THREE AREAS OF NEED:

A. **PHYSICAL NEEDS.**

- ▶ We help with basic needs like food, clothing, shelter, and care. (Matthew 25:35–36, 40)

B. **EMOTIONAL NEEDS.**

- ▶ We support people through encouragement, patience, and compassion. (1 Thessalonians 5:14)

C. **SPIRITUAL NEEDS.**

- ▶ We point people to Jesus and help them find peace with God. (2 Corinthians 5:18)

God wants to use you to bring hope and healing to others: Body, heart, and soul.

5. WHY SHOULD MINISTRY MATTER TO ME?

A. GOD CREATED ME TO DO MINISTRY.

- ▶ *Ephesians 2:10 (NTV): “We are God’s masterpiece... created anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”*

B. GOD SAVED ME TO SERVE IN MINISTRY.

- ▶ *2 Timothy 1:9 (NTV): “God saved us and called us... to show us His grace through Christ Jesus.”*

C. GOD CHOSE ME TO MINISTER TO OTHERS.

- ▶ *1 Peter 2:9 (NTV): “You are a chosen people... royal priests... called out of darkness to show others His goodness.”*

At Metanoya, we believe every believer has a purpose and that purpose includes serving others.

You’re not just saved to sit; you’re saved to serve.

6. MY S.H.A.P.E. WILL DETERMINE MY MINISTRY

- ▶ An acrostic is a fun and simple way to help us remember something. Each letter in a word stands for a different idea or truth. We're about to look at the word **S.H.A.P.E.**, which shows us five ways God uniquely designed us to serve Him and others.
- ▶ Let’s break it down and discover how God gave each of us a unique **S.H.A.P.E.** for serving.

S: SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- ▶ ***1 Corinthians 7:7 (NLT): “Each person has a special gift from God, one of one kind or another.”***
- ▶ What am I gifted to do?

H: HEART

- ▶ ***Revelation 17:17 (NLT): “For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish His purpose.”***
- ▶ What do I love to do?

A: ABILITIES

- ▶ ***1 Corinthians 12:6 (NLT): “God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.”***
- ▶ What natural talents and skills do I have?

P: PERSONALITY

- ▶ ***Romans 12:6a (NLT): “In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.”***
- ▶ Where does my personality best suit me to serve?

E: EXPERIENCES

- ▶ ***Romans 8:28 (NLT): “God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose.”***
- ▶ How has God used my past to prepare me for serving others?

We believe God never wastes a moment of your life; your gifts, passions, talents, personality, and even your pain were all shaping you for a purpose. When you understand your S.H.A.P.E., you begin to see that you were created on purpose, for a purpose.



Where Do I Go From Here?

Now that you know ministry means using your gifts to serve others, here's how to get started and stay faithful to God's plan for your life.

1. SIGN AND TURN IN YOUR MINISTRY COMMITMENT.

- ▶ Provided at the end of this Membership Class.

2. COMPLETE YOUR S.H.A.P.E. SELF-EVALUATION.

- ▶ Your evaluation will be provided to you before this class ends.

3. SCHEDULE YOUR ONE ON ONE.

- ▶ Set up a meeting with Executive Pastor Adam Perez: pastoradam@metanoyachurch.org to go over your evaluation and pray about where you feel led to serve.

4. MEET YOUR MINISTRY LEADER.

- ▶ After your one on one, you'll be introduced to the leader of the ministry team you'll be serving with.

5. ATTEND THE REQUIRED TRAINING SESSIONS.

- ▶ Your ministry leader will schedule training to equip you for role in serving.

6. BEGIN SERVING!

- ▶ Start using your gifts to serve God and make a difference!

7. ATTEND REGULAR VOLUNTEER MEETINGS.

- ▶ Each month, we gather for encouragement, and practical training.

8. CONTINUE GROWING SPIRITUALLY.

- ▶ Keep building your faith and leadership through events, classes, and conferences.

Metanoya Church Spiritual Gifts Evaluation (S.H.A.P.E.)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read each statement and check (✓) the box if you feel it describes you.
Be honest—there are no right or wrong answers!

1. GIFTS THAT COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD.

- ☐ I enjoy speaking in front of others and explaining the Bible clearly.
 - ☐ I naturally share the gospel with people who don't know Christ.
 - ☐ I feel called to reach people in different cultures or places.
 - ☐ I have a passion for starting new churches or ministries.
 - ☐ I feel comfortable with public speaking.
-

2. GIFTS THAT EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE.

- ☐ I love studying and teaching the Bible in a way that helps others learn.
 - ☐ I enjoy encouraging others and helping them grow in their faith.
 - ☐ I can see practical solutions to problems and help others apply them.
 - ☐ I have a strong sense of discernment between right and wrong.
 - ☐ I enjoy gathering and organizing information for decision-making.
-

3. GIFTS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE.

- ☐ I like helping with practical tasks behind the scenes.
- ☐ I have a deep compassion for those who are hurting.
- ☐ I enjoy welcoming and making people feel comfortable.

- ☐ I love guiding and caring for a group of believers.
 - ☐ I love giving generously to support God's work.
-

4. GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE.

- ☐ I enjoy leading worship through singing or playing an instrument.
 - ☐ I love using art, design, or crafts to glorify God.
 - ☐ I have a deep desire to pray for others regularly.
 - ☐ I believe in praying boldly and have seen God move.
-

NEXT STEPS:

- ▶ **Turn in Your Evaluation to our Membership Team.**
- ▶ **Set up Your One on One with Executive Pastor, Adam Perez –**
Share your results and explore opportunities that match your gifts.
- ▶ **Pray for Confirmation –** Ask God to lead you to the right ministry department to serve in.
- ▶ **Start Serving! –** Start in an area that fits your gifts and adjust as needed.



METANOYA CHURCH **MEMBERSHIP 301 MINISTRY COMMITMENT**

Now that I've committed to membership and spiritual growth, and I agree with Metanoya Church's Ministry Statement, I make the following commitments:

☐ **To Discover my unique S.H.A.P.E. for Ministry.**

- ▶ I will discover how God uniquely designed me and serve in the area that best fits who He made me to be.

☐ **To Prepare for Ministry.**

- ▶ I will attend training for the ministry I'm joining and commit to monthly team meetings.

☐ **To Serve with a Right Heart.**

- ▶ I will serve with love and humility—not for recognition, but to honor God and help people.

☐ **To Work Together in Unity.**

- ▶ I will support the department I serve in and put the good of the church above personal preferences.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Closing Encouragement for Lesson 301:

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT): “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

You were not just saved to sit, you were saved to serve. God created you with purpose, shaped you with gifts, and placed you in this church family for a reason. The greatest joy you’ll ever experience comes from using what God gave you to make a difference in someone else’s life.

Don’t wait until you feel “ready.” Just start. Step out in faith, and you’ll discover that God meets you right where you are and equips you along the way.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us today that we were made on purpose, for a purpose. Thank You for the gifts, passions, and abilities You placed within us, not for our own glory, but to serve You and bless others.

Lord, help us not to hold back. Give us the courage to step out, the humility to serve with joy, and the wisdom to recognize where You are calling us. Shape our hearts to reflect Your love and compassion in everything we do.

Use us to build up Your church, to bring hope to those in need, and to be a light in a world that desperately needs You. Let our lives be living examples of Your grace in action.

We commit our hands, our hearts, and our gifts to You.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



MEMBERSHIP 401: LIVING ON MISSION!

401: LIVING ON MISSION

Luke 19:10 (NLT) "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

At Metanoya, we believe every member is a witness for Jesus. You were saved for a purpose to share God's love with others. This class will help you understand the mission of our church and your personal role in it.

1. THE CHURCH IS A FAMILY WITH A MISSION.

- ▶ We're not just a group of people, we're God's family. And our family has a mission: to reach the lost.
- ▶ God wants His family to keep growing. That means it's our job to invite others in, just like someone once invited you.

2. WE'RE ALL CALLED TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS.

- ▶ ***2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT): "So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us."***
- ▶ God didn't just save you to sit, He saved you to share. Every believer is called to tell others about Jesus. You don't need to be a preacher, just share what Jesus has done for you.

3. METANOYA'S HEART IS FOCUSED ON THE LOST.

- ▶ When Pastor Jubal became the lead pastor, he asked, "What kind of church are we going to be?" The answer was simple: We are going to be a church for the unchurched.
- ▶ Everything we do from the preaching to the music is designed to help people meet Jesus.

4. WE DO EVERYTHING SO PEOPLE CAN KNOW JESUS AS THIER SAVIOR.

- ▶ We preach with easy to understand Bible translations, and create an environment where anyone can feel at home.
- ▶ We want everyone, especially those who feel far from God, to feel welcomed.

5. YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF JESUS.

- ▶ God has placed you in your job, school, or family for a reason. You're a light in a dark world.
- ▶ ***Matthew 5:16 (NLT): "Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."***
- ▶ Don't wait for someone else to do it. Your life speaks. Your story matters.

6. GOD CALLED YOU TO A GLOBAL MINISTRY.

- ▶ Our mission goes beyond San Antonio: We are committed to reaching people locally through outreach in our city, nationally through our church network, and globally through missions and church planting around the world.
- ▶ ***Acts 1:8 (NLT): "You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere... to the ends of the earth."***
- ▶ You're not just joining a church, you're joining a global movement.



Commitment Goal:

I will live on mission with Christ and Metanoya Church.

THAT MEANS:

- ▶ **Sharing my testimony about how Jesus saved me.**
 - ▶ **Inviting others to church.**
 - ▶ **Living with purpose and boldness.**
- ▶ **Supporting the mission through serving and giving financially.**

And remember, you don't have to be perfect to make a difference. You just have to be willing.

When you live on mission, God uses your story, your gifts, and your faith to reach others.

Together with your Metanoya family, you're helping bring hope to the hopeless and light to the darkness.



METANOYA CHURCH

MEMBERSHIP 401 COMMITMENT

Having completed Membership 401, I understand that I was not just saved from something, I was saved for something. I commit to living my life on mission to help others know Jesus.

I commit to:

- ☐ **Share my story** with people God places in my life.
- ☐ **Invite others to church** and be part of helping them find new life in Christ.
- ☐ **Live as a light** in my family, workplace, and community.
- ☐ **Support the mission** through serving, giving, and going: Locally, nationally, and globally.
- ☐ **I will not be a spectator.** I will be a missionary everywhere I go.

Luke 19:10 (NLT): "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Closing Statement

You weren't just saved from something, you were saved for something. You are God's plan to reach the world.

When you live on mission, your life has eternal impact. The gospel doesn't travel by accident, it moves through people who say yes. Let's be those people.

Prayer

Jesus,

Thank You for rescuing us, changing us, and calling us into Your mission. Give us boldness to share our story, to love people far from You, and to live with eternal purpose.

Let our lives point others to You; through our words, our service, and our generosity. Lead us wherever You want us to go.

In Your name we pray, Amen.

Final Word

On behalf of Pastor Jubal and the entire Metanoya leadership team; We're proud of you.

You've completed all four membership classes. That's a big deal! Now it's time to live it. You're part of the family. You belong here. Let's share the gospel, serve with passion, and reach the world together. Let's go live on mission.

Simple Format for a Membership Graduation After Class 401

Here's a simple and meaningful graduation ceremony format you can implement right after Class 401:

Graduation Timeframe

- Plan for 15–20 minutes max at the end of the 401 class.

Membership Graduation Ceremony Format:

1. Welcome (2–3 minutes)

"Today is a special moment. You've completed the full membership journey: 101, 201, 301, and now 401. And we just want to take a few minutes to celebrate you and officially welcome you into the Metanoya Church family."

2. Final Closing Statement (2–3 minutes)

Use the heartfelt statement from Pastor Jubal (above), read aloud by the host or membership leader.

***From Pastor Jubal to the Membership Graduates
(read aloud by your team):***

On behalf of Pastor Jubal, our leadership team, and the entire Metanoya family—congratulations!

You've completed all four membership classes. That's no small thing. You've taken the time to learn what we believe, how we grow, how we serve, and how we live on mission. But more than

that, you've said yes to being part of something bigger than yourself. You're not just attending a church, you are now becoming the church.

We are proud of you. We believe in you. And we are excited to walk with you as you follow Jesus, love His people, and make a difference in this world.

Always remember, Metanoya is your home. You belong here. God brought you here for a reason, and the best is still ahead.

We can't wait to see how God uses your life.

Welcome to the family!

3. Present Certificates (5–7 minutes)

Call each graduate by name and hand them a simple **Membership Certificate**. You can also:

- ▶ Take a group photo with all graduates
- ▶ Optionally give a small gift (journal, sticker, keychain, etc.)

4. Commissioning Prayer (3–4 minutes)

Have a leader or team member pray over the graduates. Here's a suggested prayer:

"Father, we thank You for every person standing here today. Thank You for leading them to this house, this family, this vision. We pray that they would walk in the fullness of their calling, serve with joy, grow with purpose, and live on mission. Use them to shine Your light in this world. Strengthen them with Your spirit and surround them with godly relationships as they live out this next season. We bless them now, in Jesus' Name, Amen."

5. Closing & Celebration (2–3 minutes)

“Welcome to the Metanoya family! We love you, we believe in you, and we’re so glad you’re here. Let’s keep loving and growing together!”

- ▶ Applaud & celebrate!
- ▶ Optional: cupcakes, snacks, or photo backdrop for graduates.