
What are The Bridge Church's Requirements for Membership?

To become a member at the Bridge, you must:

- Have a personal relationship with Jesus
- Be baptized
- Attend the Membership Class
- Have a membership interview with an elder
- Sign a membership covenant, which includes affirmation of the Bridge's Statement of Faith and Statement of Purpose

How Do I Become a Member?

We as a church aim to offer membership classes at least twice per year. If you are interested in joining a class, contact elders@thebridgechurch.hk and we would be happy to share with you the details of our next class.

More Questions?

Contact elders@thebridgechurch.hk if you'd like to know more about membership at the Bridge.

What are The Privileges of Membership?

- Spiritual oversight, protection, and care for members, in both spiritual and practical concerns (E.g. finances)
- Eligibility to serve as a spiritual leader to nurture and disciple other members
- Participation in the overall direction and development of the church (especially through members meetings)

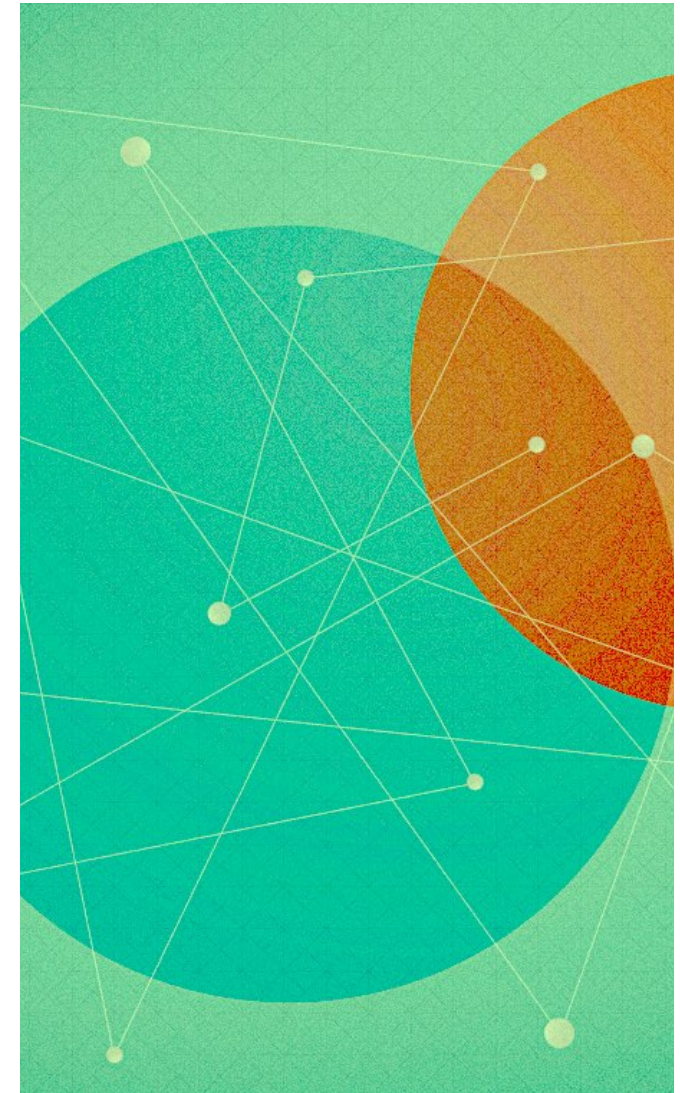
What are The Responsibilities of Members?

Members commit to:

- Pursue their own continued spiritual growth
- Use their time, skills, and resources to support the work of the church
- Seek to love the church family and be at peace with one another
- Participate in reaching out to the community with the gospel
- Attend the Bridge's Sunday services regularly
- Pray for the church, other members, and our witness in the community
- Be accountable to the church community

Why Membership?

An Introduction to Membership
At the Bridge Church



4 Biblical Reasons for Membership in a Local Church:

1. Membership Clarifies Responsibility

Hebrews 13:17 commands Christians to “obey your leaders and submit to them,” and says that pastors will “give an account” for those they watch over. Membership clarifies which leaders Christians are called to submit to and which people pastors will be accountable for.

2. Membership Helps us “One Another”

The New Testament is full of “one another” commands (see Rom. 12:10; Col. 3:13, and more). Christians are called to love one another, serve one another, forgive one another, seek peace with one another, and more. Membership helps define the primary community in which we live out these “one another” commands.

3. Membership Helps the Church be What It's Meant to Be

The New Testament uses many different images to describe the church. Among these are: a holy nation (1 Pet. 2:9), a body (1 Cor. 12:12), branches on a vine (John 15:5), and more. Each of these images has “members.” There is clarity on who truly belongs vs. who simply attends. Membership gives the church a similar clarity.

4. Membership Facilitates Accountability and Biblical Discipleship

Discipleship is the process of becoming more like Jesus. Matthew 28:18-20 shows that making disciples is what the church is called to do. Membership encourages healthy accountability as it clarifies who wants to be discipled by the elders and the church in their walk with God.



So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12:5

Church Membership In the New Testament

The NT is clear that the first churches kept track of their members. In Acts, they had a count of how many people were part of the church (2:41; 4:4). They had a clear system for knowing who was part of the family, and that system was baptism. In NT times, there was often either one church per city or the churches in a city were unified under common leadership, which gave great clarity on who belonged to any church. Any baptized Christian in the city was a member of that city's local church, accountable to the community and leadership of that church.

Church Membership Today

In today's world, where there are dozens or hundreds of churches to choose from in one city, this clarity is lost. Membership clarifies to church leadership, individuals, and other members who is committed to which church and which people that church should be prioritizing in its discipleship.