

Membership At Living Branch & Life Development Seminars: Be All You're Meant To Be!

"I know that God loves me and has forgiven me through Jesus, but why am I here? What does God want me to do with my life?" Many of us have asked that question. Perhaps you're asking it right now.

In 2007 Living Branch began *Life Development Seminars* to help Christians understand their purpose in life. Four seminars are given yearly (or more often) by Pastor Steve.

Imagine a baseball diamond. The first seminar, called "**101: Discovering Membership**", is first base. God's plan for all of us is that we become members of His family by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This 101 class, held on a Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., is also the **path to membership at Living Branch**. 101 covers the basic teachings of the Christian faith, and helps participants understand the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It also helps familiarizes students with "every-day life" at Living Branch.



Second base is "**201: Discovering Maturity**". God's plan for His children is more than membership in His family. He desires maturity through the development of godly habits such as Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and stewardship. 201 is a 4-hour seminar held on Sunday afternoons.

Third base is "**301: Discovering Ministry**." As a maturing member of God's family, God wants us to serve Him, not just in a general way, but especially using the gifts He has given each of us. To that end this 4-hour seminar, held on a Sunday afternoon, helps participants understand their S.H.A.P.E. for ministry: **S**piritual gifts, **H**eart or passion, **A**bilities, **P**ersonality, and **E**xperiences. As we understand ourselves in these 5 areas, we will better understand what ministry areas God has planned for us.



Home plate is "**401: Discovering Missions**." God's intent is that all of us share our faith with the world. This 4-hour seminar, held on a Sunday afternoon, teaches Christians to share their faith in a personal way using the "Way Of The Master" technique, and also helps participants see opportunities for short-term mission trips worldwide.

For more information, call Pastor Steve at the church office.

