

Message Based Discussion

- What did you like about this message?
- What did you find hard to accept or understand?
- What does this message teach you about people?
- What does this message teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?
- What will you do now? Based on this message, how will your life change?
- How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?
- Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this message?

The Call to Christian Discipleship

It is possible that you have never heard a sermon preached on church membership before. In view of what you took away from the sermon, how can your church membership enrich your walk with the Lord? What aspects of your walk the Lord have been enriched by membership at Grace or another church in the past?

The Call to Missional Living

As the local body of Christ we have the privilege of representing Christ's kingdom to those who we interact with. Which is more important, that they know we attend Grace?, or that they know we belong to Christ? If belonging to Grace is a representation of Christ, how will that change the manner in which we live out our faith together?

Pray

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On Being a Healthy Church Member

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Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

Introduction:

Defining membership. Defining church. Combining the two. How are they healthy?

1. What should healthy church members receive?

- The blessings of the body—relationships
 - * 1 Peter 5:1-3; Hebrews 13:17
 - * Ephesians 4:15-16; Galatians 6:10; Hebrews 3:12-14; Hebrews 10:24-25
- The blessings of corporate worship (Matthew 18:20; 1 Corinthians 5:4)
 - * The one teaching the Word
 - * Certain acts of worship, the ordinances
- The blessing of corporate confirmation & accountability
 - * Acts 13:1-3
 - * Hebrews 12:12-17

2. What should healthy members give to their churches?

- A covenant type commitment

- Time, Talent, and Treasure
 - * Time—Hebrews 10:24-25; Colossians 3:16-17
 - * Talents—1 Corinthians 12:7
 - * Treasure—2 Corinthians 8:6-7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2

- Responsibilities of church members to church leaders (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; Galatians 6:6; 1 Corinthians 9:14)

- Responsibilities of church members in congregational polity

3. Two final questions.

- When is it right for healthy church members to leave their church?
 - * Gospel?
 - * Discipleship?

- While membership has its privileges, how about non-members? What can they do?