

## **Membership Series (#2): Local Church Membership**

- **Local Church Membership in the New Testament**

- i. NT Examples Pointing to Local Church Membership

- ii. NT Exhortations Pointing to Local Church Membership

- **Local Church Membership in the Modern Church**

## **Application: Local Church Membership**

1. If you are hesitant or resistant to becoming a member of a local church what is the reason(s) for this? Please feel free to contact me if you want to chat through this!
2. What examples in the NT point to local church membership? How are these relevant in considering the importance of local church membership and your own membership?
3. What exhortations in the NT point to local church membership? How are these relevant in considering the importance of local church membership and your own membership?
4. What are the ‘benefits’ of being the member of a local church as you consider who the church is called to be and what the church is called to do?
5. What may a professing believer who 1) doesn’t attend a church or 2) attends but isn’t a member of a church, lack in their spiritual growth and their testimony to unbelievers?
6. The idea of local church membership comes from the biblical metaphor of the church being one body with many members (Rom 12:3-8; 1 Cor 12:12-27), how does this help you understand church membership?
7. In what way does understanding membership to be a commitment make this a serious decision to make and challenge/encourage you to make such a commitment?
8. What makes church membership an ‘exclusive club’ and what are the advantages of this? What makes church membership an ‘inclusive club’?
9. Spend time this week in prayerful and serious consideration of becoming a member of a local church

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>Membership Series (#___)</i>  L_____ C_____ M_____	<u>Other Bible References:</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<u>Chapter</u>	<b>Local Church Membership in the N__ T_____</b>  1. NT E_____ P_____ to  L_____ C_____ M_____	
<u>Verses</u>	2. NT E_____ P_____ to  L_____ C_____ M_____	
	<b>Local Church Membership in the M_____ C_____</b>	

### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	Committed/ Commitment	Local/Universal	Member(s)/ Membership

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: