

Membership Series (#3): Choosing a Local Church

- **Three Features of a Strong Local Church**

1. A High View of God

2. A High View of Scripture

3. Practice of Church Discipline

Application: Choosing a Local Church

1. In what ways will choosing a solid biblical church benefit you, your marriage, family, work, evangelism etc?
2. Why is a high view of God important in a strong local church and how will this be demonstrated in the church?
3. In what way(s) could you seek to increase your view of God this week? E.g. study and meditate on Scripture, listen to sermons on the topic of God, talk with others about who God is, pray for God to increase your view of Him.
4. Are there specific situations in your life or aspects of your life that you would like to apply an increased view of God in? Do you need to repent of a low view of God in these areas? E.g. challenges, work ethic, relationships
5. Why is a high view of Scripture important in a strong local church and how will this be demonstrated in the church?
6. What is the application of a high view of Scripture you can apply in your own life as you reflect on your reading/studying/memorizing of Scripture, your response to challenges, the counsel you give others, and how you view the world?
7. What are the 4 steps of church discipline outlined in Matt 18:15-17? In what way is this the responsibility of individual believers and the whole church? If you would like to study this topic more, see for example 1 Cor 5; Titus 1:13; 3:9-11; 1 Thess 5:14; 2 Thess 3:6, 14-15; 1 Tim 5:19-20; Rom 16:17.
8. Is there any professing Christian (particularly at GB) you should confront over their sin? If so, make sure you have prayerfully considered your own heart first and then prayerfully seek to meet with the individual.
9. Will you invite and humbly respond to confrontation over sin from people in the church?

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>Membership Series (#____)</i> C_____ a L_____ C_____	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
<u>Chapter</u>	3 F_____ of a S_____ Local C_____ 1. A H_____ V_____ of G_____	
<u>Verses</u>	2. A H_____ V_____ of S_____	
	3. P_____ of C_____	
	D_____	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Yahweh	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	Discipline	Sin	View	Word/Scripture/Bible

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: