

Membership Series (#4): Committing to a Local Church

Features of a Strong Local Church

i. NT Examples

ii. NT Exhortations

Conclusion: The Membership “Process”

Application: Committing to a Local Church

1. Read through Acts 2:41-47 and reflect on the ‘features’ of this first church and how they lived out their faith. In what way(s) can you apply these features in your commitment to the church, so that we, as GBC, live out these features in our community? For example,
 - a. Gospel: How would you explain the Gospel?
 - b. Baptism: Are you baptized? Why is baptism important?
 - c. Teaching: Are you devoted to God’s Word in your personal life and learning from teachers of the Word?
 - d. Fellowship: Are you investing into, hosting, and sharing with others?
 - e. Communion: Do you approach this as a ritual or blessing?
 - f. Prayers: Who are you praying for, what are you praying for?
 - g. Giving: Are you financially giving to the church, are there other ways you can give to the church and those in need? Are you open-handed with what God has given you?
 - h. Unity: How can you be promoting unity in the church?
 - i. Evangelism: Ask the Lord for opportunities and boldness to evangelize
 - j. Worship: How does your view of God affect worship? How can you prepare your heart for worship at church?
2. Is service in the church optional? In what way(s) may you be gifted to serve and have opportunity to serve the church?
3. What are the responsibilities of elders to church members and church members toward the elders (see 1 Thess 5:12-13; Heb 13:7, 17; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Tim 5:17; 1 Pet 5:2-3)?
4. Are you prepared to commit to the leadership at GBC? Do you need to repent of sinful actions or attitudes towards the leadership at GBC or previous church leadership? If you have concerns about the GBC leadership please speak with them.
5. Please prayerfully and seriously consider membership at GBC and if you have any questions please come and see me!
6. Please continue in prayer this week (and every week) for our church, the leadership, our witness, different ministries, spiritual growth etc.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>Membership Series (#____)</i> C _____ to a L _____ C _____	<u>Other Bible References:</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<u>Chapter</u>	F _____ of a S _____ L _____ C _____ - NT E _____ - NT E _____	
<u>Verses</u>	Conclusion: The M _____ P _____	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	Commit/ Committed/ Committing	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: