



Healthy Church

Session Four: Church Membership

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4; HEBREWS 10:24-25; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:24B-27

1. **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DEMONSTRATES OUR _____ TO ONE ANOTHER.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4

2. **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP GIVES US ACCOUNTABILITY TO _____ WITH ONE ANOTHER.**

HEBREWS 10:24-25

3. **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ALLOWS US TO BE THE _____ TO ONE ANOTHER.**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:24B-27

APPLY

Have you prioritized church membership and regular church attendance? Is there something in your schedule that needs to shift to make space for a deeper connection with God's people? How might the church benefit from the specific ways God has gifted you?



LOOKING TO NEXT WEEK...

LESSON #5 LEADERSHIP

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

1 TIMOTHY 3:8-10; TITUS 1:5-9; 1 PETER 5:1-5

THE LESSON AT A GLANCE

Imagine walking into your child's elementary school, expecting to see order and structure, but encountering chaos instead. In this school, each adult determined their own role to fill in caring for the children.

The principal might decide to teach PE, the librarian might take up math, and perhaps no one signed up to cook lunch. It would be a disorganized mess, and the needs of the students would go unmet.

In the early church, rapid expansion and a record number of people coming to Christ meant leaders struggled to address all the needs. It felt, at times, chaotic. In Paul's letters to Titus and Timothy, along with Peter's letter to the scattered churches in Asia Minor, the apostles outlined offices of the church as well as the character qualities of church leaders. As God's people work together, serving out of their giftedness and calling, the church's needs are met and the gospel spreads.

THE MAIN IDEA

Scripture outlines offices for the church as well as character qualities of leaders. Whether pastors, ministers, overseers, shepherds or deacons, God's people are called to serve one another in love. How well churches respond to pastoral leadership, along with church members joining in willing service to others, are markers of a healthy church.

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

What character qualities does Scripture outline for those in church leadership? How should those same qualities be growth markers for all believers?

