

Membership that Matters

- **Ephesians 4:11-16**

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Several reasons why we need the local church:

- 1. For Spiritual Growth vv. 11-12**
- 2. For Unity of the Faith v. 13**
- 3. For Protection of the Saints v. 14**
- 4. For Serving One Another vv. 15-16**

Membership Does Matter

- **“The Greatest motivation we could ever find for being passionately committed to the Church is that Jesus is passionately committed to the Church.”**

Arguments for Church membership

1. **The Pattern of Acts** – (Acts 2:41) “So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”
2. **The Meaning of the Word “Added”** – “To place together” (Acts 2:41, 47)
3. **The Joint Responsibility of the Church to Choose Officers** – Acts 6:3 “Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report.”
4. **The Joint Responsibility of the Church to Guard Doctrine** – 1 Timothy 3:15 “the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

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- 5. The Requirement for Every Believer to be in Submission to Specific Leaders – Heb. 13:17
“Obey them that have rule over you.”**
- 6. The Demands of Local Church Discipline – 1 Cor. 5:7 “Purge out the old leaven.”**
- 7. The Body Metaphor Makes It Obvious that There Is to Be a Clear Connection of Believers to Each Other in the Assembly – 1 Cor. 12:14–20**

Matters that Members Should Practice

1. Commit to the doctrine & covenant of the church

Ephesians 4:13—the UNITY of THE FAITH

2. Worship faithfully (Hebrews 10:25)

3. Serve actively (Use your gifts to serve the body!)

4. Minister to one another

- Practice the one anothers of Scripture
- If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it

(1 Corinthians 12:26)

- Reach out to the sick & shut-ins

ACTION POINTS

- 1. Consider joining MBC.**
- 2. Make the local church a priority.**
- 3. Find ways to serve.**
- 4. Give faithfully to the local church.**
- 5. Connect with people at church.**

The call to be radical for the cause of Jesus Christ is a call to be committed to the local church.