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Worship Service  
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## Re-Discover the Church

Lesson One • 1 Corinthians 12:12:27

### Church Membership

#### Does Church Membership Matter? Yes!

Church membership MATTERS more than you probably think or realize.

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. . . . Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27*

#### Why We “Date” the Church

Our culture idolizes INDIVIDUALISM and fosters CONSUMERISM.

#### Re-Discover Church Membership

### 1. Church Membership Is GOD’S Wonderful Idea!

#### *From Universal to Local*

The universal church includes ALL CHRISTIANS from all history.  
The local church is the VISIBLE expression of the universal body of Christ.

In the New Testament one’s membership in the universal church is always visibly expressed through meaningful membership in a local church.

### 2. Church Membership Is IMPLIED in God’s Word!

#### ***Biblical Basis for Church Membership***

- Membership is implied by church GATHERINGS.

*Acts 11:22 Romans 16:3-5 Colossians 4:15*

*1 Corinthians 1:2 Galatians 1:2 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2*

*Acts 2:41-42 1 Timothy 5:9*

- Membership is implied by church LEADERSHIP.

*Acts 14:21-23 Hebrews 13:17*

- Membership is implied by church DISCIPLINE.

*Matthew 18:15-18 1 Corinthians 5:1-13*

- Membership is implied by church METAPHORS.

*Acts 20:28 1 Peter 5:2-3 Ephesians 2:19-22 1 Peter 2:5  
1 Timothy 3:15 1 Corinthians 12:12-27*

### 3. Church Membership Is GOOD for Us and Glorifies God!

#### ***Biblical Benefits of Church Membership***

- Membership is AFFIRMATION from the pastors.

- Membership is ASSURANCE to the individual.

- Membership is ACCOUNTABILITY with the church.

- Membership is ANNOUNCEMENT before the world.

#### **What Is Church Membership?**

Membership in the local church involves a formal COMMITMENT with other believers who have joined together to fulfill the purposes of God to the glory of God.