

FitChurch

EXPLORE 9 MARKS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH BODY

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES October 26, 2014

Hebrews 10:22-25

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While all believers are a part of the universal church, the New Testament also stresses the importance of all believers being a part of a local church. A local church is comprised of a definable group of people who, on the basis of their commitment to the Lord, have identified themselves with and committed themselves to one another. While membership in a local church does not guarantee one's salvation, it is imperative for all believers to be connected to a body of believers for the sake of encouragement, edification and equipping.

While church membership gives the believers certain rights within a local congregation, its purpose is far more biblical. In a God-ordained environment of a local church, members function as one body, building up each other in love according to the rule of Scripture. Throughout scripture, it is clear that God intended for his people to enter into covenants with him and with one another. Membership at Village Bible Church is a covenant relationship among fellow believers, as well as with their leaders under Christ. In order to implement the principles of accountability and commitment to the local body of Christ as defined in the New Testament and practiced in the early church, Village Bible Church recognizes the need for formal membership. (Acts 11:26; Romans 16:1; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 8:1; Philippians 1:1)

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1. The _____ to church membership

This _____ can happen because:

- You are new to the _____
- You are ignorant to the _____
- You are _____ of membership altogether

2. The _____ we practice membership here at VBC

We practice church membership because of the:

- _____ of the New Testament Church
- _____ of church government
- _____ of church discipline
- _____ for mutual care

3. The _____ for membership at VBC

Membership at VBC involves:

- _____ Christ as Lord and Savior
- _____ your faith through baptism
- _____ participating by playing your part
- _____ remembering your commitments

4. The _____ of church membership

With the help of others we can:

- _____ about our sin
- _____ against wavering
- _____ love and good deeds
- _____ even when it's hard

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