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Wednesday, May 12, 2021 - Group Study

Lesson Series: Church Membership

Lesson Series Text: *(Acts 16:4-5)*

Lesson 1: What Is Church Membership

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All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. To neglect or refuse to join a local church as a member reflects a misunderstanding of the believer's responsibility to the body of Christ.
 - A. This neglect cuts the believer off from the many blessings and opportunities that flow from this kind of commitment.
 - B. It is essential for every Christian to understand what church membership is and why it matters.
- II. What is Church Membership?
 - A. When an individual is saved, he becomes a member of the body of Christ. *(1 Cor. 12:13)*
 - B. Now that this individual is connected to Christ (the head) and the believers (the body); he is qualified to become a member of a local expression of the body of Christ; the church.
 - C. To become a member of a local assembly is to commit one's self to a local church of believers for specific divinely ordained purposes.
 - D. Those purposes include:
 - a. Receiving instructions from God's Word. *(1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Tim. 4:2)*
 - b. Serving and edifying one another through the proper use of spiritual gifts. *(Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-31; 1 Pet. 4:10-11)*
 - c. Participating in the Church Ordinances. *(Luke 22:19; Acts 2:38-42)*
 - d. Proclaiming the Gospel to the lost. *(Mat. 28:18-20)*
 - E. Submitting to the care and authority of biblically qualified elders that God has placed over that assembly.
- III. Membership Matters.
 - A. Being committed to a local church involves many responsibilities. Some of them are:
 - a. Living a Godly lifestyle outside of the local church in the community.
 - b. Exercising one's spiritual gifts in diligent services.
 - c. Contributing financially to the work of ministry.
 - d. Giving and receiving correction with meekness and in love.
 - e. Faithfully participating in Corporate Worship and Prayers.
 - B. Much is expected from members of the church because much is at stake; the advancement of the Kingdom of our God.
 - C. When this type of commitment is done by the whole church, only then do we truly reflect being Christ's Representatives on earth.

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