

# GROWTH GROUP

## Study Guide

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Being a Part of Something That Matters – Church Membership

### My Story

1. What is the most unusual group/club/association you've ever been a member of?

### Digging Deeper

2. Read Rom. 12:4-5+10. How does the image of the church as "one body with many members" shape our understanding of belonging to a local church? How can church members practically "be devoted to one another in love" in daily church life?
3. Read Eph. 2:13+19. How does being "brought near by the blood of Christ" create a deeper bond among church members than any social or cultural connection? Why might some Christians hesitate to commit to a church, and how does this passage challenge that hesitation?

4. Read Gal. 6:1-2. How does bearing one another's burdens fulfill "the law of Christ," and why is this central to membership? Read Heb. 10:24-25. Why is consistent gathering with other believers vital for spiritual health?

### Reflection

5. How can church members lovingly encourage one another when attendance or participation begins to slip?
6. What have you valued most about being a member of a local church? How and why would you encourage a Christian who is not a member of a church to consider becoming one?

# SERMON NOTES

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## Taking the Next Step

Open the church directory app on your phone this week and take time to pray for other members of your church family.

## Praises / Prayer Requests

