



STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

When you hear the word “member,” what comes to mind?

What’s the difference in our understanding of being a member of a club or organization versus being a member of the church?

[digging deeper]

Re-read Romans 12:1-8. What is the connection between verses 1-2 and verses 3-8?

What does it mean to think of yourself with “sober judgment”? If we do not think of ourselves with sober judgment, how does it affect our relationship with Christ and with the church?

If we see ourselves with sober judgment, we can be confident but not conceited. What does that look like?

We are reminded here again about Spiritual gifts. The Bible doesn’t provide us an exhaustive list of all the gifts, but God has made known gifts in the following passages: 1 Cor. 12:4-11, 28. Are you aware of your spiritual gift(s)?

What insight do we get about the gifts God gives us in Hebrews 2:4?

What are the reasons for the gifts God has given to us according to Eph. 4:11-12 and 1 Peter 4:10-11?

Why is knowing your gift so important to being a vitalized and functional part of the body? Have you discovered yours? Where are you putting it to use?

As followers of Christ, we are members of the universal church. But what is the value of being a member of a local church? Why do some people resist formal membership to a local expression of being in covenant with Christ’s body?

If we did not have local membership, then how could we apply verses such as Acts 20:28; Heb. 13:17; 1 Tim. 5:17; and Matt. 18:15-17?

What are three values you can come up with that make membership in the local church important?

What about this quote on being a member of the church affirms you and also convicts you?

Being a member of a church means so much more than standing next to someone else and singing some songs once a week. Being a member of a church means realizing that we are responsible for helping the brothers and sisters around us to grow as disciples of Jesus. In the same way, they are responsible for helping us. We desperately need each other in the daily fight to follow Christ in a world that's full of sin. – David Platt, Follow Me

[living it out]

Pray (alone or with a friend if you need help) about whether you need to think more soberly about yourself (not too low and not too high).

Do you know your spiritual gift and are you putting it to use now? If not, here are two links to review this week. One is for a spiritual gift assessment and the other is to look for places to put those gifts in action to serve the body.

<http://www.cvconline.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/>

https://cvconline.ccbchurch.com/form_response.php?id=27

Have you become a formal member at CVC to covenant with this local expression of Christ's body? If not, you can plan on coming to "Explore CVC" on either September 13 or October 11 to take that next step.

Who are you still praying for that needs to become a part of the body of Christ? Keep them in prayer that they would come to faith in Christ and experience the joy of both giving and receiving as a member of the body of Christ.