SERMON NOTES

Sunday, January 10, 2010

"THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP"

(Ephesians 5:22-30)

Our goal as a church is to move people to become fully developing followers of Christ. Why is it important to be a member of a church family? – Because it is vital to a person fully developing as a follower of Christ. What does it mean to be a church member?

1. WHY SHOULD YOU BE A MEMBER?

A _____ reason.

A _____ reason.

A ______ reason.

A _____ reason.

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A MEMBER?

To be involved in a ______.

To ______ the ministry of the church.

To use your _____ in a ministry of the church.

To ______ to God and the church.

3. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP?

_____ – A place to call "home"

_____ – a place to grow

_____ – a part of what is going on

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1. WHY SHOULD YOU BE A MEMBER?

A biblical reason.

A <u>cultural</u> reason.

A practical reason.

A personal reason.

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A MEMBER?

To be involved in a <u>Bible Fellowship Group</u>.

To <u>financially support</u> the ministry of the church.

To use your gifts and abilities in a ministry of the church.

To <u>invite others</u> to God and the church

3. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP?

Fellowship – A place to call "home"

<u>Discipleship</u> – a place to grow

<u>Ownership</u> – a part of what is going on

<u>Kinship</u> – the shared experience