

SERMON: Growing Through Church Membership
SERIES: Growing in Grace
SPEAKER: Pastor Mark

January 20, 2019

CONNECT (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

REVIEW (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 10:19-25

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. The Significance of the Church
- II. The Significance of Church Membership
- III. Church Membership and Love.

GROW (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group. Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. Matthew 16:18. Jesus is the builder of the church. The church is a group of people who profess and give evidence that they have been saved by grace alone, through faith alone, by Christ alone. How does this definition of the church point to the necessity of church membership? How is a church different from a club membership or service provider?
2. How does Hebrews 10:19-25 describe the church? What are the characteristics of a local church?
 - What promises can the church claim?
 - What commitments should the church members make?
3. Read 1 Peter 5:8 and Hebrews 3:12-13. What is the role of the local church in warning you and holding you accountable? Are you in a relationship that does this for you?
4. Read Hebrews 13:17. How would you describe the relationship between the church member and the church leader? Do you relate to your church leadership this way?
5. Re-read Hebrews 10:24-25. Love is essential to church membership because church is messy. Are you experiencing this kind of love in your church? Are you being spurred on to love and good deeds? Are you spurring others on? Why or why not?
6. Pray: How can you pray through Hebrews 10:19-25? (Remember A-C-T-S)