



Membership Matters: Developing Dynamic Disciples Connected in Ministry

Week 2 – Why Membership?

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Testimony

This Is My Story...

HOMEWORK REVIEW

Answer the following questions and develop your story (“testimony”)

- ❖ **Who was I BC (“the old me”)** – Write one or two paragraphs to describe yourself before you were saved.
- ❖ **The Turning Point**– Describe what happened when you began your relationship with Jesus. What made you realize that He was the answer? What exactly did you do?
- ❖ **Who I Am AD (“the new me”)** – Describe how you are different since Jesus is living in you. How have your attitudes, your behaviors, and your relationships been impacted? Explain how you are growing and changing because Christ is in your life.



Why Membership?

A Christian Needs a Church Because...

Let's Look at the Word of God

- Romans 12:5; Ephesians 2:19
 - Church connects us to fellow believers in _____
- Galatians 6:1-2; Hebrews 10:24-25
 - Church provides a spiritual family to _____ and to _____ you in your walk with Christ.
- I Corinthians 12:4-27
 - Church gives you a place to discover and use your _____
- Acts 20:28-29; Hebrews 13:17
 - Church places you under the spiritual _____ of godly leaders
- Ephesians 4:11-13
 - Spiritually gifted leaders in the church _____ you for works of services and help you to _____ in Christ.



So Christians need a church because...

- Church connects us to fellow believers in Christian Fellowship.
- Church provides a spiritual family to help bear your burdens and to encourage you in your walk with Christ.
- Church gives you a place to discover and use your spiritual gifts.
- Church places you under the spiritual covering of godly leaders
- Spiritually gifted leaders in the church equip you for works of services and help you to mature in Christ.

A Christian without a church is like...

A soldier without...



A Platoon



A Christian without a church is like...

A musician without...

An Orchestra

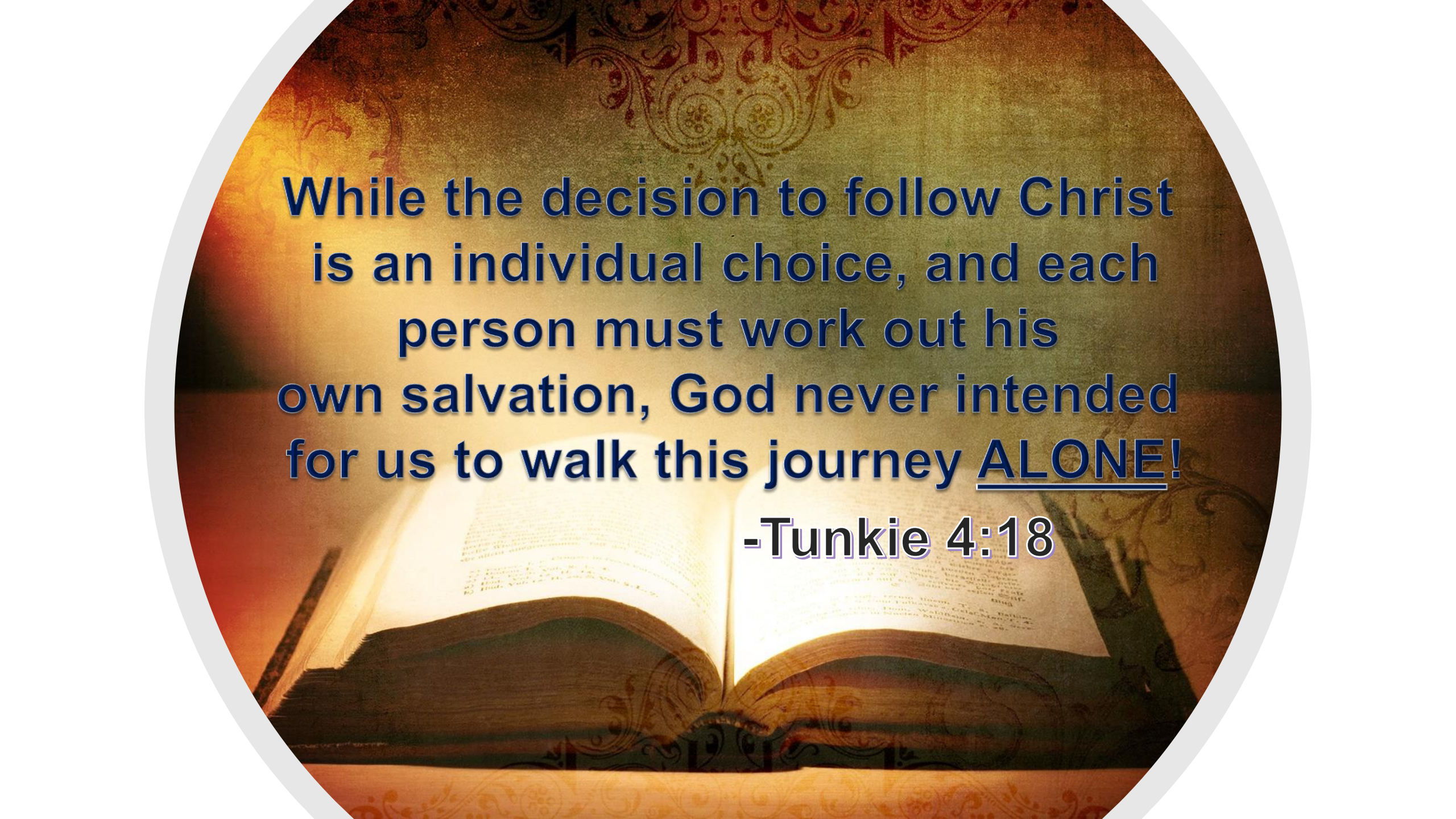


A Christian without a church is like...

A sheep without...

A flock!



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While the decision to follow Christ
is an individual choice, and each
person must work out his
own salvation, God never intended
for us to walk this journey ALONE!

-Tunkie 4:18



Why Membership?

What You Can Expect From Your Church...



What you can
expect from
your church...

A loving place to belong

A commitment to the doctrinal principles of the faith

A Spirit-filled atmosphere

Ministry to the family

Pastoral care

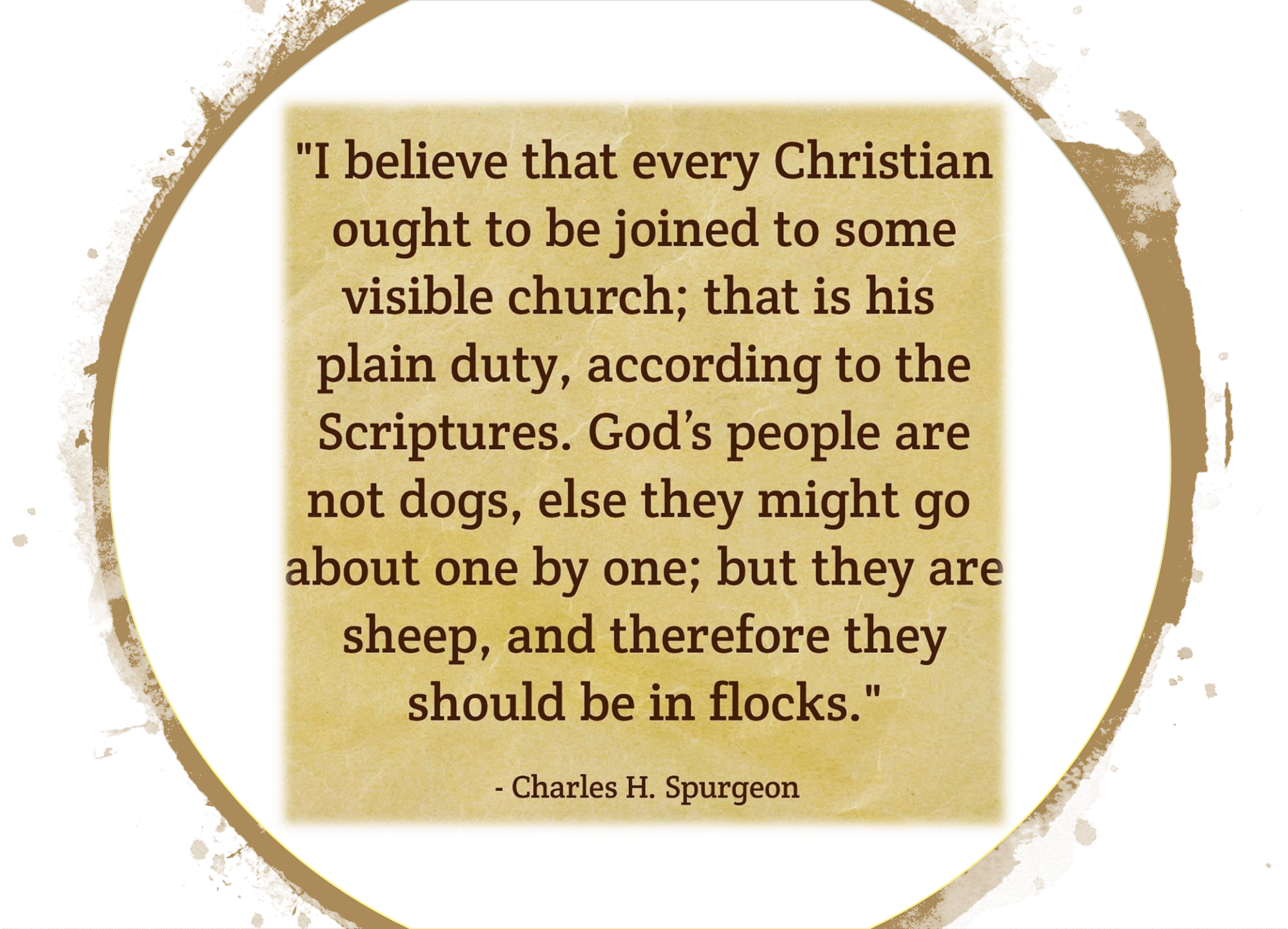
A spirit of generosity



Membership Privileges

“Church Membership:
Privileges and
Responsibilities”

White Wing Messenger (November 2020)



"I believe that every Christian ought to be joined to some visible church; that is his plain duty, according to the Scriptures. God's people are not dogs, else they might go about one by one; but they are sheep, and therefore they should be in flocks."

- Charles H. Spurgeon