



Membership Matters: Developing Dynamic Disciples Connected in Ministry

Week 5 – What Now?
December 2, 2020
First Lady Agnes Clark
Instructor



Membership Matters Review

1. New Life In Christ
 1. What is the requirement for church membership?
 2. How can I know that I am a Christian?
 3. What should my life look like after salvation?
 4. Your testimony – Life BC & AD
2. Why Membership? (Benefits)
 1. Why do Christians need a church?
 2. What you can expect from your church?
3. Our Local Church
4. It's Bigger Than We Are (Global Body)

A silhouette of a person in a dynamic pose, reaching upwards with one arm extended towards the top of the frame. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky, transitioning from a pale blue at the top to a bright yellow and orange near the horizon. The person's silhouette is dark and stands out against the lighter sky.

Membership Matters

Section 1

Personal Commitments

**I will
protect the
unity of the
church by...**

Acting	Acting in love toward other members (Romans 14:19, I Peter 1:22)
Refusing	Refusing to gossip or use unwholesome language (Ephesians 4:29)
Believing and practicing	Believing and practicing the doctrine, faith, and beliefs of the church (Jude 3)
Supporting	Supporting the leadership, ministers, and laity of the church (Hebrews 13:17)
Offering	Offering the love and forgiveness of Christ freely to all (Ephesians 4:31-32)

I will serve in the ministries of the church by...

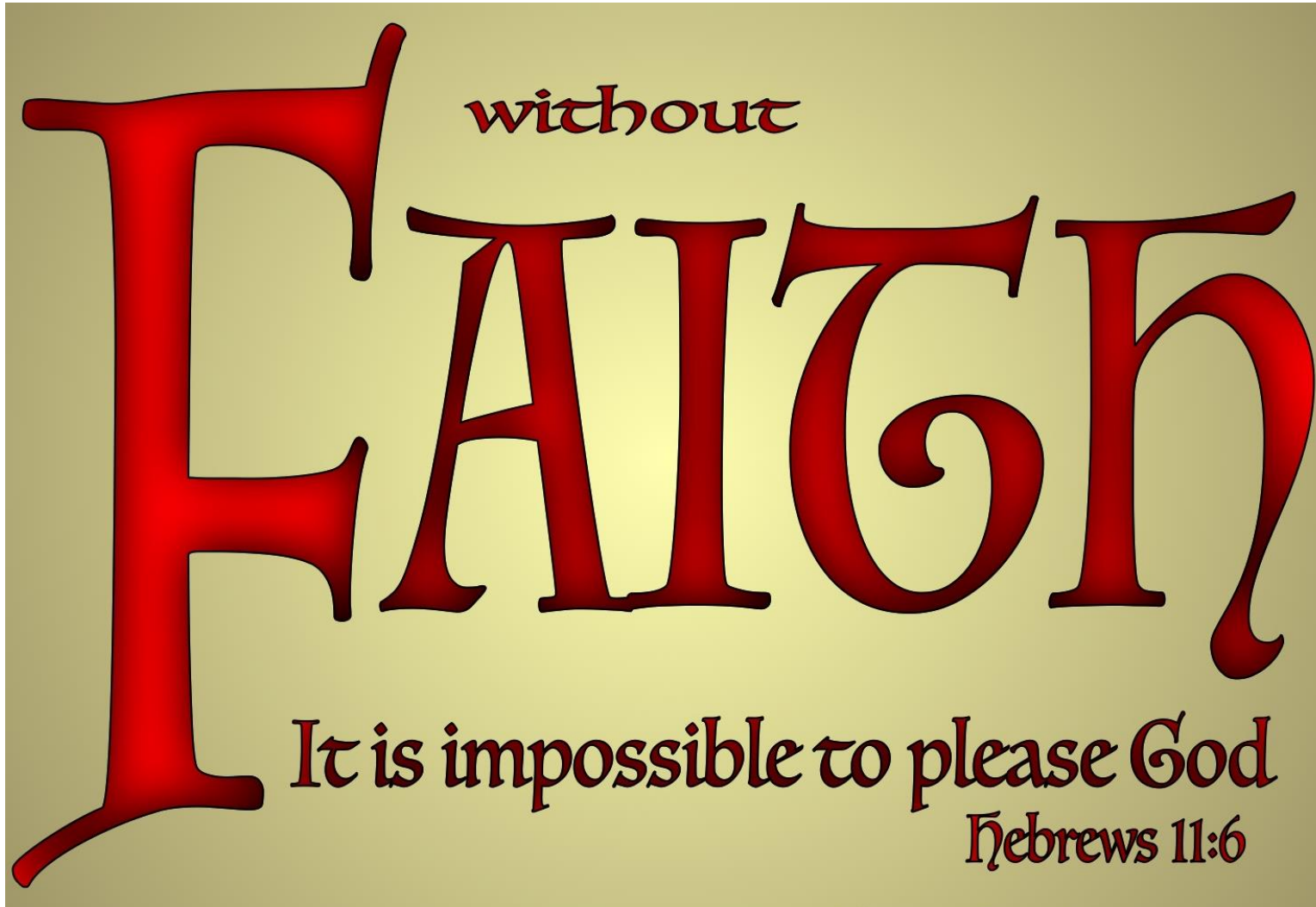
- Using my gifts and talents (1 Peter 4:10)
- Discipling others in the faith (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Actively testifying about the power of God (Psalm 96:2-4)

**I will
support the
testimony
of the
church by...**

- Attending faithfully (Hebrews 10:25)
- Living a godly life (Philippians 1:27)
- Giving regularly (Leviticus 27:30;
I Corinthians 16:2)


I will share the responsibility of the church by...

- Working for its growth (I Thessalonians 1:2-3)
- Compelling the unchurched to attend (Luke 14:23)
- Accepting those who visit (Romans 15:7)
- Bearing one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- Affirming and encouraging brothers and sisters in Christ (I Thessalonians 5:11)
- Sharing the Gospel (Mark 16:15)
- Submitting to godly teaching (I Timothy 6:3-5)
- Growing in my personal walk with Christ (Hebrews 6:1-3)

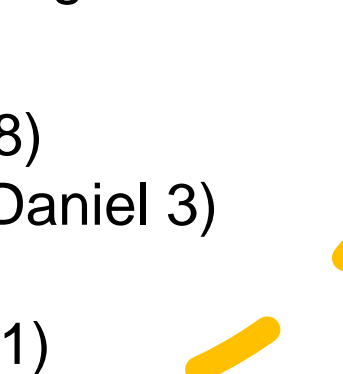


Membership Matters

Section 2 Growing In Faith

A large orange circle on the left side of the slide, containing the main title text.

Faith is the foundation of the entire Christian life!

- “The just shall live by faith” Romans 1:17
 - What is faith? (Hebrews 11:1)
 - Faith (noun) – “faith, belief, firm persuasion, assurance, firm conviction, honesty, integrity, faithfulness, truthfulness.”
 - Believe (verb) – “to trust in; put faith in; rely on a person, or thing; have a mental persuasion; to entrust, commit to the charge or power of.”
 - What is the source of true faith?
 - The Word of God (Romans 10:4, 16,17)
 - God gives every believer a measure of faith (Romans 12:3-6)
 - Faith is like a seed; it has potential to grow
 - Biblical examples of faith
 - Abrahams (Genesis 15:1-6; 22:1-18)
 - Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego (Daniel 3)
 - Daniel (Daniel 6)
 - The Faith Hall of Fame (Hebrews 11)
- 
- A decorative yellow dashed line in the bottom right corner of the slide.

Membership Matters

Section 3 Growing In Prayer



Growing in Prayer

Prayer is a key
to spiritual
victory

Why should believers pray?

- Prayer unlocks power
- Prayer bends our will to God's
- Prayer indicates our dependence on God
- Prayer is commanded by Jesus

What is prayer?

- Prayer is spending time in conversation with God—we both speak and listen
- Prayer is a spiritual discipline
- Prayer is rewarding

What should be our attitude in prayer?

- Pray in faith
- Pray without wavering
- Pray according to God's will
- Pray to the Father through Jesus Christ

What are the various types of prayers?

- Persevering Prayer
- Intercessory
- In the Spirit
- Petition
- Thanksgiving

Who can be involved in prayer?

- Individuals
- Two or Three
- A whole church

A silhouette of a person with long hair, standing on a wooden pier or boardwalk. Their arms are outstretched horizontally, and their head is tilted back, looking towards the sky. The background is a bright sunset or sunrise over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a strong glow and reflecting on the water. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a lighter yellow and then to a dark blue at the top. The pier's railing and wooden planks are visible in the foreground, mostly in shadow.

Membership Matters

Section 4
Growing In Christ
(Spiritual Maturity)

What is discipleship?



- Disciple means “one who adheres to a set of principles or teachings.”
- We adhere to the teachings of Jesus. We are disciples of Christ.
- Discipleship is the lifelong process of following and maturing in Christ
 - Our growth in Christ should never stop
 - It’s not a 4-10 week study or a class that ends at some point.
 - We should be better at following Christ next year than we are today.
 - The fruit of the Spirit should be apparent
 - Our knowledge of God’s word should grow
 - Our discernment should become more keen, our tongues less sharp, and our love more full!

Christ's ultimate command

1

**Deny
yourself**

2

**Take up your
cross**

3

Follow me

The Spiritual Disciplines

- **Prayer**
- **Fasting**
- **Bible study**

Holy habits are that: the disciplines, the routines by which we stay alive and focused on God. At first, we choose them and carry them out; after a while, they are part of who we are. And they carry us.

Mark Buchanan

~~I could~~
~~I might~~
~~I can~~
~~I should~~
I WILL!

NINE TRAITS OF THE
OUTWARDLY FOCUSED CHRISTIAN

THOM S. RAINER

I Will...

- Move from “I am” to “I will”
- Worship with others
- Grow together with others
- Serve
- Go
- Give generously
- Not be a church dropout
- Avoid the traps of “Churchianity”
- **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Additional Biblical References



- **Prayer (Slide 11)**
 - Why should believers pray?
 - Mark 9:29
 - Luke 22:39-43
 - Psalm 62:5-8
 - Matthew 6:5-13
 - What is prayer?
 - 2 Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 6:9-10
 - Matthew 6:6
 - What should be our attitude in prayer?
 - Hebrews 11:6
 - Mark 11:24; James 1:6-8
 - I John 5:14-16
 - Hebrews 7:25
 - What are the various types of prayer?
 - Luke 11:5-13; Philippians 4:6
 - Romans 8:26-27
 - I Corinthians 14:14; Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20
 - I Timothy 2:1-2
 - Philippians 4:6
 - Who can be involved in prayer?
 - Matthew 6:5-7
 - Matthew 18:19-20
 - Psalm 18:6; 64:1; 66:19



- **Discipleship (Slide 14)**
 - Christ's ultimate command (Matthew 16:24-26)
 - Deny yourself (Matthew 22:36-40)
 - Take up your cross (Philippians 3:10; I Peter 4:13; Romans 8:17)
 - Follow me (Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:10-11)

Next Week - New Study

The Coming Messiah



Bishop Daryl Clark