



## Life Group Questions

### We are the Church: Better Together | Week 1: Membership Matters

1 Cor. 12:21-26, Acts 20:28, Mt. 18:15-17, 1 Cor. 5:12-13, Heb. 13:17

November 6, 2022

**Ice-Breaker:** What are some groups, clubs, or teams that you've been a member of? What did membership mean? What did it require? Was it worth it?

1. What stood out from Steven's sermon that challenged you, intrigued you, or that you'd like to discuss?
2. Have you ever had a similar experience to Steven in the intro where you *really* felt like you belonged in the upper levels of a group only to realize you were on the same level as everyone else?
3. Chat through our definition of what a local church is: it might be helpful to have everyone write it down in their journal or in the note app of a phone, or to display it on a TV or white board.  
**"A local church is a group of Jesus followers who regularly gather together in the name of Jesus for worship through song, prayer, and preaching, and are marked as visible representative of the kingdom of God through the ordinances of believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper."**
  - a. What sticks out to you from this definition?
  - b. What questions do you have?
  - c. With what do you especially agree or disagree? Why?
  - d. Why does this *matter*?
4. From 1 Cor. 12:21, share about a time when someone in the church *needed* you. Then share about a time when you needed someone else.
  - a. Why do you think we tend to struggle receiving help more than giving it?
5. From Matthew 18:15-17 and 1 Cor. 5:12-13, why is church discipline important? How would you explain this idea to a non-believer who may think it's oppressive or heavy-handed?
6. Acts 20:28 begins, "Pay careful attention to yourselves..." – in what area of your life is this reminder especially important right now. Why that one?
7. Are you a member at Faith Church? If not, would you be willing to check out the Membership Class on November 20<sup>th</sup>? You can sign up today at [www.faithkent.org/membership](http://www.faithkent.org/membership) If you're newer to the church, feel free to ask someone in your life group to attend with you if that's helpful!