

Reflecting on Church Membership – Part 3

Study and Discussion Questions | July 24, 2022

This week in our series on Church Membership we looked at **Our Confession**, in other words, what we believe as a church. We put most of our church's doctrinal statement into 3 categories:

- The Supremacy of Christ
- The Sufficiency of Scriptures
- The Support of the Local Church

Let's talk about these discussion questions together:

Note: You will need your Bible and a copy of our doctrinal statement for this discussion.

1. Read Colossians 1:1-8.

In these verses, we see the Apostle Paul thanking God for the work He was doing in the church at Colossae. He was reminding them that Christ was all they needed. What are some of the wonderful works that Christ does in our lives as listed in these verses? Why is it important as a church that God is doing this work in all our lives?

2. What does our doctrinal statement say about Christ? Why is it important to have a clear statement on who Christ is?

3. Read Colossians 1:9.

The Apostle Paul is praying for them to be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Where does this knowledge, wisdom, and understanding come from and how do we get it? How can we as a church help each other grow in these areas?

4. What does our doctrinal statement say about the Bible? In a practical way, how does this truth impact our daily lives?

5. Read Colossians 1:10-11.

The Apostle Paul lists the prayer requests that he had for this congregation at Colossae. What are some of the requests that are listed in these verses and why is it important that we are continually making progress in these areas? How can we as a church help each other to grow in our faith?

6. What does our doctrinal statement say about the church? Which part of this statement means a lot to you and why?

7. Last of all, please read Colossians 1:12-14. The last prayer request for this church was that they would be thankful. What are some of the praises that are listed in these verses and how can we claim these same requests with thanksgiving? Considering these verses, how should we view fellow members of our church?

8. As we wrap up our discussion time together, how can we pray for each other as we desire to live in light of these important doctrines?

Big Idea:

Christ + Anything = Nothing
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