

Reflecting on Myth #3:
***“Church membership is not that important;
it is good enough to just attend and
never officially join a church.”***
Sunday, August 1, 2021

Introduction: This week’s myth questions the importance of church membership, arguing that it is good enough to attend and never officially commit to a local assembly. To help us debunk this myth, we can draw from three Bible passages, which lead us to the following ideas:

1. Church Membership is about committing to growing in Christ together. (Mat. 18:15-20)
2. Church membership is about giving the church elders permission to watch over your spiritual growth. (Heb. 13:17)
3. Church membership is about participating in the mission God has for the church. (Acts 13:1-3)

The **Big Idea** of the message from these texts was that *Church Membership is an essential part of your spiritual growth as a follower of Jesus.*

Conversation Starters:

1. How prevalent is the thinking represented by this myth in your experience? Why so?
2. If you simply attend a church and never join, which of God's purpose for the church do you miss out on?
3. Why is it hard to commit to growing alongside others in the body of Christ?
4. How has God used other people in the church to help you grow?

5. What does a Christian have to gain by having church leaders watch over him/her as they seek to grow in Christ?

6. What do you think God is going to do through Calvary Baptist Church in the future? In what ways does the future of Calvary Baptist Church involve you?