Church & Community

Belonging, serving, evangelizing, and making disciples together

WHY THIS MATTERS

Helping Christians understand the importance of the local church, biblical community, evangelism, serving, and making disciples.

> Start with Scripture. These recommended books, articles, and videos are supplemental tools to help you understand and apply God's Word.

ARTICLES & ONLINE RESOURCES

1. Discipling in the Church — 9Marks

Understanding the biblical model of discipleship within the local church.

2. 9Marks — Articles

Resources on church membership, leadership, preaching, evangelism, and healthy churches.

3. BibleProject — Videos

Video resources exploring the biblical story and God's people.

4. The Gospel Coalition — Family

Helpful material on spiritual family and relationships within the church.

5. CCEF — Resources

Resources on biblical counseling and caring for people in the congregation.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

BOOK	I Am a Church Member **Thom S. Rainer** A short, accessible book explaining the responsibilities and privileges of belonging to a local church.
BOOK	What Is a Healthy Church? **Mark Dever** Explains biblical marks of a healthy congregation, including preaching, theology, evangelism, and discipleship.
BOOK	Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God **J. I. Packer** A theological and practical treatment of evangelism and God's sovereignty in salvation.

BOOK

The Master Plan of Evangelism
Robert E. Coleman
Examines Jesus' approach to developing disciples and multiplying Christian leaders.

BOOK

Side by Side
Edward T. Welch
Helps ordinary Christians care for, encourage, and walk alongside others in the church.

VIDEOS & VIDEO LIBRARIES

BibleProject — Videos

Animated biblical overviews and themes for individual or group learning.

9Marks — Church Resources

Teaching and resources for healthy churches and church membership.

The Gospel Coalition — Church and Ministry

Articles and resources on church life and ministry.

SCRIPTURE TO STUDY

Church membership and community: Acts 2:42–47; Hebrews 10:24–25; Ephesians 4:1–16; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27

Spiritual gifts and serving: Romans 12:3–8; 1 Peter 4:10–11; Mark 10:42–45

Evangelism and discipleship: Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 2:1–2; 1 Peter 3:15

RECOMMENDED STARTING POINT
I Am a Church Member by Thom S. Rainer.