

# **Does Church Membership Matter?**

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Small Group Discussion Questions

## **Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

#### **Pacing Your Group**

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

### **Scripture Reading**

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Take some time to look up and read:

Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:44-45, 1 Timothy 5:16, Hebrews 13:17, Matthew 18:15-17

1. What do these verses tell us about church membership?

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 2. How would you explain church membership to someone who is unclear or unsure about joining a church family?
- 3. <u>Membership</u> at Changepoint = <u>Engagement</u> in the Core Practices of our church family:
  - Enjoying God Together
  - Being Transformed Together
  - Demonstrating the Love of Jesus Together

Of these core practices, where do you feel spiritually strong, fortified, and engaged? Where do you believe God is calling you to engage more?

4. What is the most important benefit that you have experienced being a part of a church family?

## Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 5. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
  - \*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\*