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> We need a healthy concept and practice of church membership just as much today as ever before! The Signatories We need to know who is _____ and who is _____. The General Oath of Obedience We need to have a ______ of what it means to be _____. **Church Membership?** We need to hold each other ______ to that _____ for our _____ and for the _____ of God. NOTES: _____

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Group Questions

- 1. What stood out to you most in this message?
- 2. When in your life have you been a part of a team working towards something together?
 - a. Did that team have standards and measured success? What were they? What happened if people failed to meet them?
- 3. What are the benefits of joining with other believers in the membership of a local church to pursue the glory of God through the advance of the gospel by the power of the Spirit?
 - a. If you are a member of a church, does your church have a church covenant? What is the value of a congregation reading their covenant together?
- 4. If you are single, what actions should you take to reflect your commitment to honor God by marrying only a believer?
 - a. If you're married to an unbeliever, please read 1 Corinthians 7:12–16 and 1 Peter 3:1–7 What areas of your life need to be brought into conformity with what those passages teach?
 - b. If you are married to a believer, how are you pursuing a marriage that displays the glory of the relationship between Christ and the church (Eph 5:22–33)?
 - c. Describe a marriage that would make others want to emulate it.
- 5. Does your conscience require you to observe the Sabbath? If so, why? If not, why not?
 - a. What does "observing the Sabbath" look like to you?
- 6. How does the idea that believers together are the temple of the Holy Spirit affect your attitude toward the church?
 - a. What are the reasons a Christian should support the work of the ministry through a local church?