



The Race Team

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Church membership is an _____ decision that can lead to accelerated
and deeper _____

Why do we have membership? Four reasons:

1. **A Biblical Reason:** The New Testament _____ and _____
church commitment *Matthew 5:29; Romans 6:13, 12:4-5; Ephesians 4:25; 1 Corinthians 12:24-27*

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer... ⁴⁶Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts.

Acts 2:42, 46 CSB

2. **A Cultural Reason:** It is an _____ to our society

3. **A Practical Reason:** It defines who can be _____

¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens [outsiders without rights of citizenship], but you are fellow citizens with the saints (God's people), and are [members] of God's household

Ephesians 2:19 AMP

4. **A Personal Reason:** It produces _____

²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near

Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV

¹³But continually encourage one another every day, as long as it is called "Today" [and there is an opportunity], so that none of you will be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [its cleverness, delusive glamour, and sophistication].

Hebrews 3:13 AMP

**Hope Church gains momentum as members _____ their
_____ over time**



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