

Community Group Discussion Guide

Membership of the Church Part 1: Church
Covenant – *Matthew 16:13-20, 1
Corinthians 5:1-13*
January 21, 2017



Discussion Questions

- What was the most impactful point from the message today?
- Are you Baptist by Condition, Convenience, or Conviction?
- What is Regenerate church membership? What does it mean for the church to possess the keys to the kingdom?
- Why should the church examine the professions of faith for prospective members? How does a membership class benefit the church?
- Why do you think in recent years, Baptist churches have neglected the practice of church discipline?
- Some consider church discipline an unloving act. Despite popular conception, it is an act of love. How so?
- If church members must account for the authenticity of each other's faith, how should the church handle inactive members (members who haven't attended in considerable time)?
- Why is the church covenant important?
- How does a church with healthy church membership increase the health of the whole congregation? How does unhealthy membership hinder the congregation's growth and witness?