

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

A PORTRAIT OF A HEALTHY CHURCH: ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

ROMANS 12:4-5

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Four Reasons Membership is Foundational to a Healthy Church

- I. Church membership is biblical
- II. Church membership identifies who the elders are responsible to shepherd
- III. Church membership makes belonging a reality
- IV. Church membership roots out self-centeredness

Questions:

1. Why is it easy to view membership to a church similar to membership to a club?
What is the danger of doing so?
2. Should we practice church membership if “membership” is not mentioned in the Bible? Why or why not?
3. How would not practicing church membership impact living out the New Testament vision of the local church?
4. How does membership enable the elders to know who to shepherd? How does membership clarify who Christians are to submit to?
5. How does church membership make belonging a reality?
6. How does church membership help to root out self-centeredness?