Date: July 6, 2025 Series: Back to Basics Title: Membership Matters Text: Selected Scripture



Church membership is not a matter of <u>consumer demand</u>, but of <u>covenant relationship</u>. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27; Ephesians 5:30-32)

Church Membership is a formal <u>covenant relationship</u> between a Christ follower and a local church.

(Acts 1:15, 2:41-47)

The early church both <u>counted</u> and <u>cared for</u> their earliest members. (Acts 6:1, 2:45)

Church Membership helps <u>define the community</u> and <u>identify the needs</u>. (Hebrews 13:7, 17)

Church Membership provides a <u>necessary context</u> for the <u>Christian life</u>. (Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Timothy 5:19-20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-2, 12-13)

For Members of HSC:

- How has this sermon challenged your view of Church Membership and your responsibility to the body?
- How has your membership to this body strengthened your relationship with Jesus?
- How has your membership to this body been used to help strengthen others?
- In what ways might God be asking you to take a more active role here at HSC?

For Non-Members:

- If you are committed to HSC being your church home, but you have yet to pursue membership, what specific steps need to be taken? (HSC 101, Baptism, Conversation with Elders)
- If there is a specific issue that is keeping you from pursuing membership at HSC:
 - Consider taking the next month to pray for God's wisdom and leading regarding the matter.
 - Consider contacting one of our elders to further discuss the matter with you.