



Church Membership Role & Responsibility

The Church is very important because Jesus founded it.

“A Christian without a Church Family is a Contradiction” John Stott

Many pastors will say if you want to be a member of a local church you need to be willing to – Attend – Defend and Extend the church:

❖ **Attend**

Attend when the church gathers for your own spiritual health because the heart is deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9) and we can't be overly independent.

Church membership with regular participation keeps us accountable.

Psalms 19:12 & 119:11, 1 Peter 2:10

❖ **Defend**

Defend the sake of the Lord and your church family by recognizing the responsibility to avoid gossip and guarding your heart (Proverbs 4:7). The church oversees guarding the gospel, making sure that each member continues to live a life shaped by the gospel and that the church continues to teach and preach the gospel. Philippians 4:7, Ephesians 4:13

❖ **Extend**

Extend the reach of your church in the community, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:9) by being a follower of Jesus and a Disciple who Makes Disciples. Matthew 28:19-20

Role – The Role of Church Membership reminds us that every Christian has a skillset that God will use for His glory.

Responsibility – The Responsibility of Church Membership is vital for Gospel Multiplication in our *Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the world.*

The Great Commission clearly recognizes the responsibility of Christians to spread the Gospel throughout the world and for this to happen each church member must take part.

The Church is referred to in the New Testament as God's church for His people!