

# Sermon Notes...

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## ***"MEMBERSHIP MATTERS"*** ***A MESSAGE ON COMMUNION SUNDAY*** **HEBREWS 10:23-25**

### ***INTRODUCTION***

#### **A. WHAT IS THE CHURCH?**

1. DEFINED
2. DESIGNED:
  - *WORSHIP OF GOD*
  - *WITNESS TO GOSPEL*
  - *WORK OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH*

#### **B. WHY JOIN A LOCAL CHURCH?**

1. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHRIST & THE CHURCH
2. THE EXAMPLE OF THE EARLIEST CHRISTIANS
3. OBEDIENCE TO NEW TESTAMENT COMMANDS (*ONE ANOTHER*)

#### **C. BENEFITS FROM LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?**

1. SPIRITUAL IDENTITY (ASSURANCE) IN THE LOCAL CHURCH
2. SPIRITUAL GIFTS EXERCISED IN THE LOCAL CHURCH
3. SPIRITUAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

### **LESSONS & APPLICATIONS...**

- JOIN A HEALTHY LOCAL CHURCH
- PARTICIPATE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*Amen*