



membership class: session 1

Part 1 - Introduction to Church Membership

WHAT is the church? How should we define it? _____

We are taught from childhood to be _____.

- But when we bring that attitude into the _____, we treat it like a product.
- This mode of thinking and behaving is not _____.

Mark 3:31-35

Three things we need to know about the world in Jesus' day:

1. In the New Testament world, the _____ took priority over the individual.
2. In the New Testament world, a person's most important group was their _____.
3. In the New Testament world, the closest family bond was between _____.

Luke 14:26

Jesus says our loyalty and priorities should actually be: _____,
_____, and _____.

1 Corinthians 12:13-20

Church membership slays _____. Everyone (every body part) is crucial.

- Verse 18: "God has arranged the members. _____ us for diversity!"
- The New Testament tells us how we are to treat "_____" as followers of Jesus.

Defining the Church

We need to define the Church in light of:

1. _____ God is and _____ God has done.
2. _____ God has made the church to be.
3. _____ God has _____ and _____ her to do.