

Week 1: January 4/5, 2014

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- 1. Member of a Club vs. Member of a Body
- 2. We are all part of the Whole
- 3. We are different but we work together
- 4. Everything we say or do is based on Love
- 5. Church Membership is not Malfunctioning Membership "We are called to be a foot, not a boot. We are called to be a hand, not a glove"

The First Pledge I am a functioning church member.

Church membership is not membership to a club or a store. Instead, I am a member of the body of Christ. I will be a functioning member. I will give, serve, share my faith, I will study, and be a blessing to others.

*l will remember these words:* "The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ...All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:12 & 27 NLT)

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## Small Group/Personal Reflection Questions:

- 1. Explain how country club membership and church membership are so different. Give scriptural references to support the differences in church membership.
- 2. Explain why church membership is a biblical concept using 1 Corinthians 12 as your biblical foundation.
- 3. How is the "love chapter," 1 Corinthians 13 related to church membership? Explain using all 13 verses of the chapter.
- 4. How are the different parts of the body (ear, nose, mouth, hand, foot, eyes, etc.) related to church membership? How do the parts play out in our church?
- 5. In relation to church membership, why is it important for members to know and use their spiritual gifts? Relate your answer to 1Corinthians 12.

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