Series: Rediscover Church

Today: Meaningful Membership

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***Colossians 2:6-7***

*6So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

1. Everyone Faces Obstacles to Meaningful Membership.
2. Idealism
3. Independence

***Galatians 5:13***

*You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.*

1. Inertia
2. Ignorance

***Ephesians 3:20-21***

*20Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

1. Everyone Faces Opportunities for Meaningful Membership
2. We Need Leaders to Speak into Our Lives.

***Ephesians 4:11-13***

*11So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

1. We Need Friends & Partners with Whom We Do Spiritual Life.

***Romans 12:4-5***

*4For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

1. We Need Those to Whom We Bring Life.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-7**

*4There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.*

*5There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.*

*7Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

1. We Need Difficult People Whom God Uses to Refine Our Lives.
2. We Need the Privileges And Commitments That Meaningful Membership Brings.