**Series: Rediscover Church**

**Today: Members Together**

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* Church = A specific, tangible community of believers who gather regularly to help each other follow Jesus.

1. Who Can Be a Church Member?

* Baptized Believers

***1 Corinthians 12:12-14***

*12Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.*

1. How Can We Be Really Good Church Members?
2. Enthusiastically Invest in Church Life.

***Romans 12:3-8***

*3For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.*

*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.*

*6We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with yourfaith; 7if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

B. Care for and Honor One Another.

***Romans 12:9-16***

*9Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

*13Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

*15Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

C. Show Abundant Grace for Inevitable Disappointments.

***Romans 12:17-18***

*17Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

D. Persevere.