



# CHURCH MEMBER

YEAR 1 | MODULE 3

- » **Vision:** A church of fully alive Jesus followers who are using their gifts and sacrificing their lives for others.
- » **Mission:** Mature disciples who are equipped and confident to join a church planting team if called.

## Module 3: Member

Having just considered and practiced the missionary life for a Christ-follower, focused outwardly on expanding and planting the gospel near and far, we now focus on the life of the family of believers as members of Christ's body. This module focuses on the necessity and fruitfulness of a healthy, unified and service-oriented church that is made up of individual members. A member is someone belonging to a particular group; in this case it is God's elect, his children whom he has commanded to display his glory and grow in maturity as a whole, not just individually. Also important is that as a member each of us are united by shared commonalities that separate the church from the rest of the world - and as we lean into our mutual sonship/ daughtership we better step in to a greater knowledge and experience of God.

*"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*  
- John 13:35

## Goals:

- In both words and actions, determine to love the members of our church body  
*Use the "grid" on the backside as a guide to specifically practice what Scripture outlines as fellowship of believers, membership of the body of believers*
- To understand and live out "spiritual love" within the body of believers
- To deconstruct the demanding ideal of membership within the Christian community and to instead participate in receiving and serving God's plan for community

## Events & Opportunities to Engage with Others:

- Sunday Gatherings // Jesus Is. sermon series through the Gospel of John
- Participate in member functions  
*Community Groups, Pods, special events & services (such as Advent Festivities), the Annual Prayer Breakfast...*
- Read & Participate with the book discussion series, *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer led by our Women's Ministry Team

## Supplemental Readings:

- *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (church-wide effort)
- *Body Life* by Ray Stedman
- *Community & Growth* by Jean Vanier
- *Letters to the Church* by Francis Chan



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## My Member Development Plan //

I am devoting myself to God's Scriptural commands to love one another, to not give up meeting together, to speak in Psalms to one another, etc... I will sacrificially devote myself to the body by participating in the activities listed below:

Meet to discuss the Psalms of Ascension with your POD and text verses to one another	Break bread (invite for a meal) with 2 members/ households whom you haven't spent time with in a while	<b>Choose 5 households from the church member list to pray for daily for a month</b>	As a CG pray each meeting for the churches/ ministries that Redemption supports
Watch "Chosen" TV miniseries with 2 other members and discuss each episode	If a parent, connect with another parent you haven't yet spent time with and take your kids to the park	Connect with another member and serve a local organization (ie., Rice & Beans) one evening. Connect later to pray over the ministry and people you met	
Break bread (invite for a meal) with 2 members/ households whom you don't know well	Commit to singing Worship songs during your time in POD or Community Group for multiple week	Share some public praise/ encouragement on Slack of a member who has stood out doing something honorable towards you or others	When you hear of a member in distress (sickness, sadness, need), lay hands and pray over them
Commit to reading through "Life Together" and participating in the two church-wide book discussions	Discuss Spiritual Gifts with another member – help discern/ affirm their giftings and plan how to practice them	Find three other members whom you can lean into for Spiritual maturity, ask them for specific prayer and to speak into ways you may grow deeper in your Christlikeness	Commit to weekly prayer for the leaders in the church. For their humility, intimacy with Christ, and vision to lead

## — Consider God's Commands

- "...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." - Ephesians 5: 19-21
- "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." - Hebrews 10: 24-25