

## Sermon Discussion Guide August 25, 2024

## Refresh

Read Acts 2:41, 4:4; 1 Corinthians 5:12 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

## **Discuss**

What Scripture passages come to mind when you think of the Bible being taken out of context? Why do you think those particular passages are so often misunderstood?

What are some potential dangers of not placing life in the church in the context of church membership?

What key words in 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 point to the importance of membership within the church, even beyond the ones mentioned in the sermon?

Why is it vital to recognize the underlying reality of church membership in the establishment of the church? How should this contribute to our understanding of church membership?

Why do you think some churches and believers try to minimize the importance of church membership? What are some consequences of minimizing church membership?

How is church membership different than other types of membership in our culture today (i.e., gym, Costco, library, etc.)? In what ways are we tempted to treat church membership like other memberships in our culture?