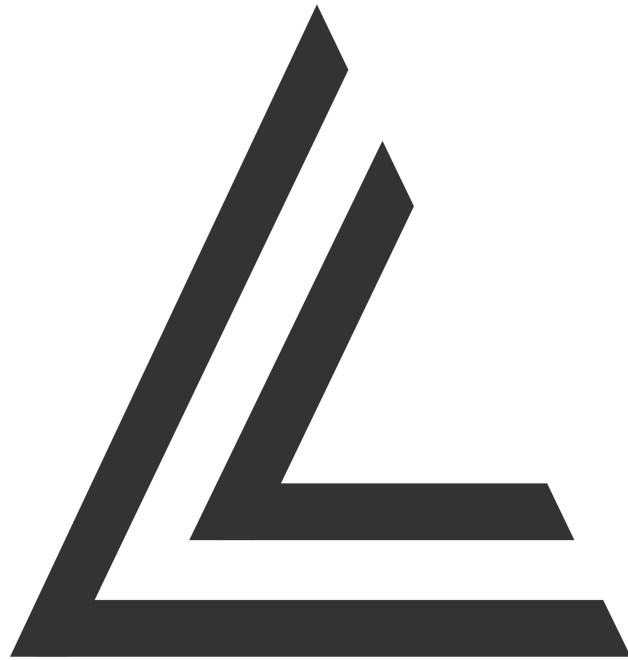


# Discover LIBERTY



A Survey of Biblical Church Membership

# **DISCOVER LIBERTY**

## **PARTICIPANT GUIDE**

### **PART ONE**

- **1 Corinthians 12:12-20**

Church members are interdependent \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ (the local assembly of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_) who serve each other under the direction of the \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_ himself).

- **Ephesians 4:15-16**

The parts of Christ's visible body or church members are those who have publicly professed \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus as Lord, through \_\_\_\_\_, and who are devoted to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of continuing the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus has given our church.

- **John 3:16-18**

- **Acts 2:36-42**

So, we are \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, which is declared through \_\_\_\_\_. Baptism is the way you are to \_\_\_\_\_ that you are following Jesus alongside other Christians – as a local church.

Two CRITICAL Questions...

1. Have *you* put your faith in Jesus as Lord?

YES

NO

2. Have you been baptized – *by* immersion in water, *after* believing in Jesus (not as an infant)?

YES

NO

- **Matthew 16:13-18**

The word *church* is translated from a common Greek word that simply referred to a congregation of people – not a mob or crowd, but an \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus adopted and applied that familiar concept to his disciples.

- **Ephesians 2:18-20**

- **Hebrews 10:24-25**

Everyone who places his or her faith in Jesus as Lord joins the \_\_\_\_\_ family of God – a church that transcends location or time period, but that \_\_\_\_\_ *or kingdom* is visibly represented on earth through \_\_\_\_\_ churches.

- The Bible reveals that God wants you to be an active member of a local church. **That means...**

1. Being a \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus who has publicly professed that belief through \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Being a regular \_\_\_\_\_ when the church \_\_\_\_\_ for worship and fellowship.

3. Being an obedient \_\_\_\_\_ – helping others to follow Jesus.

4. Being a humble \_\_\_\_\_ – sharing your **time**, **talents**, and **treasure** to meet needs.

5. Being Christ-honoring in your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to one another and to outsiders.

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### **PART TWO**

We identify as a Baptist church because of specific \_\_\_\_\_ we understand the Bible to teach. For the sake of \_\_\_\_\_, it is important to know the convictional roots of the church you are joining.

Baptist churches are \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_.

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

Baptist churches are \_\_\_\_\_ by the Great \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Matthew 28:19-20**

Baptist churches are \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

- **1 Corinthians 10:31**

It is very important that you \_\_\_\_\_ our statement of faith (Baptist Faith & Message – 2000 edition) and get any *questions* you have about these teaching positions *answered* before joining our church. We expect every member to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the doctrinal unity of our church for the sake of the name of \_\_\_\_\_.

- So, what is a *Southern Baptist*?

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OUR \_\_\_\_\_ is to lead people toward a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. Our mission field goes from our neighborhoods to the nations!

➔ THAT mission is \_\_\_\_\_ we exist.

- **Colossians 1:27-28**

Our \_\_\_\_\_ are gathering, disciple-making, and servicing.

➔ THOSE priorities are \_\_\_\_\_ we carry out our mission.

- Gathering: **Hebrews 10:24-25**
- Disciple-making: **Matthew 28:19-20**
- Serving: **Galatians 5:13-14**

Our \_\_\_\_\_ for putting our priorities in action are Sunday worship (gathering), Small Groups + Bible classes + Kids/ Youth ministry (disciple-making), and community care projects (serving).

➔ THOSE strategies are *just some* of \_\_\_\_\_ we do as a church family.

The main two ways you can get involved is to regularly \_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday worship** and to \_\_\_\_\_ with a **Small Group** or **Bible class**... And we can help you with that!

## Next Steps...

1. Do you need to become a follower of Christ? Admit your need (that you are a sinner, separated from God), believe Jesus is all you need to be forgiven of sin and reconciled to God forever, and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior (pray personally, and then make that known publicly through baptism).
2. Are you ready to go public as a follow of Jesus? Let's schedule a day to present you to the church to be welcomed as a part of the Body (church member) as you are baptized by immersion in water as a follower of Jesus.
3. Have you already given your life to Christ and been obedient to follow Him in baptism but still need to connect to a church family? Let's schedule a time to make sure you are clear on the Gospel, hear your testimony, and answer any lingering questions, then we'll set a day to present you to the church to be welcomed as a part of the Body (church member) by your statement of faith or by move from a likeminded church.
4. Or, maybe you just need more time and have more questions to process. That's great! Let us know so we can follow up with you and help you understand more what it means to trust and follow Jesus.

Liberty Baptist Church  
**Membership (Partnership) Application**

Today's Date:     \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:**   \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_     **Phone:**     \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

→Have you been baptized *by* immersion, *after* believing in Jesus?  
**YES**     **NO**

If so, which church administered your baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

→Are you currently a member of another church? **YES**     **NO**

If yes, which church? \_\_\_\_\_

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