

Church Unity - Local Membership and Discipline

1. Unity in Christ is a high priority in the church.
 - a. Christ prayed for it.
 - b. Peter commanded it. 1 Peter 3:8
 - c. Paul pleaded for it. 1 Corinthians 1:10
2. Why is membership important? Ephesians 4:1-16
 - a. Walk worthy of the calling.
 - b. Bearing with one another.
 - c. Keep the unity of the Spirit.
 - d. Exercise gifts of the Spirit.
 - e. Do the work of the ministry.
 - f. Edify the body of Christ.
 - g. Grow into the fullness of Christ
 - h. Mature in doctrine.
 - i. Work with others to grow the church.
3. Discipline
 - a. Purpose of Discipline. Hebrews 12:7-11
 - b. Restore. Galatians 1:1-5
 - c. Process. Matthew 18:15-17
 - d. Remove. 1 Corinthians 5:11