I Am a Church Member Chapter 1

Questions for Study:1. Explain how country club membership and church membership are so different. Give scriptural references to support the differences in church membership.

2. Explain why church membership is a biblical concept, using 1 Corinthians 12 as your biblical foundation.

3. How is the “love chapter,” 1 Corinthians 13, related to church membership? Explain using all 13 verses of the chapter.

4. How are the different parts of the body related to church membership? How do the parts play out in your church?

5. In relation to church membership, why is it important for members to know and use their spiritual gifts?

I Am a Church Member Chapter 2

Questions for Study:1. What did Paul mean when he said in Colossians 3:14 that love is the perfect bond of unity? What does that mean for the local church today?

2. What is the best path to take if someone brings gossip to you in your church? What does the bible say about gossip?

3. How is forgiveness related to unity in the local church? What does the Bible say about forgiving one another?

4. Look at Matthew 6:14-15. Relate those words to being a church member. What does it mean if one church member does not forgive another?

5. Read all of 1 Corinthians 13. Paul wrote the “love chapter” to the church at Corinth where problems with unity were pervasive. What does this chapter mean for church members today? Explain as you go through each verse.

I Am a Church Member Chapter 3

Questions for Study:1. Show from key Bible verses the difference between church membership and country club membership from the perspective of personal preferences and desires. Of course, the Bible doesn’t speak of country club membership, so you will need to assume the benefits of belonging to one.

2. Find and explain key passages in the Bible that talk about Christians being like servants. How would you describe a servant as it applies to being a member of a church?

3. Why do many churches have “worship wars”? What does that have to do with the right or wrong attitude about church membership?

4. Describe someone in your church that best fits the description of having the mind of Christ and a servant attitude. Find key New Testament passages that would fit him or her.

5. Go verse by verse through Philippians 2:5-11. Explain how the attitude of Christ in each verse becomes a pattern for us as church members.

I Am a Church Member Chapter 4

Questions for Study:1. Using scriptural backing, explain why the pastor’s family is such an important factor in his ministry.

2. What is meant by “above reproach” in 1 Timothy 3:2? Is that standard even possible for the pastor?

3. Explain the implications of the devil’s trap in 1 Timothy 3:7.

4. What is the meaning of “outsiders” in 1 Timothy 3:7? Why should they be a concern to church members or pastors?

5. Find some key passages in the Bible where intercessory prayer takes place (someone praying for someone else). Relate those passages to praying for your pastor.

I Am a Church Member Chapter 5

Questions for Study:1. How does the biblical teaching of the log and the speck in Matthew 7 apply to church membership?

2. What is the relationship of our immediate families and the church family? What biblical texts make this connection?

3. What is the role of a believing spouse to an unbelieving spouse? How does that manifest itself in church membership?

4. Why is unconditional love such a challenge, especially as it applies to church membership?

5. How is Christ’s death on the cross an example for us as church members relating to one another?

I Am a Church Member Chapter 6

Questions for Study:1. How does the gift of salvation relate to the gift of church membership?

2. Why do many church members have a sense of entitlement? What does the Bible say about that?

3. Explain how Christians are in both the universal church and in the local church?

4. Read the entire story of Jesus rebuking His disciples in Matthew 20:20-28. How could that story relate to church membership?

5. For your last question, look at each part of the entire membership covenant you have reviewed to this point. As you look at the entire covenant, what areas will be your greatest challenge? In what areas can you make immediate changes?