

CORE

Why membership at Lifecentre?

LifeTrack



WEEK TWO: Fill in the Blanks

Membership recognizes and responds to the call of discipleship in the context of a Jesus-centred community. It is an affirmation to contribute to the good of Lifecentre rather than consume it. It is an obligation to sacrificially seek the good of others, through this local church and in the larger body of Christ, by taking a 'you can count on me' step in service within a particular group of people.

From a governance perspective, it allows you to have a say, through our voting process, at our Annual Business and Special Business meetings. Membership is saying, when it comes to growing Lifecentre, you can count on me.

Essentially there are five characteristics of a New Testament Church.

1. Scripture must be rightly preached.
2. Ordinances must be rightly administered.
3. Leadership must be formed by and function under Scripture.
4. Accountability/Correction must be carried out with grace and truth.
5. The mission of the church must be shared and embraced by all.

All of this serves one thing, to make disciples. To live in the way of Jesus. If Lifecentre fails to do this, we aren't a healthy church, no matter how many people attend. For Jesus, a disciple is someone who...

- Loves Jesus above all others (Luke 14:25-33)
- Obeys the commandments of Jesus (John 14:15)
- Abides in His Word (John 8:31)
- Bears spiritual fruit (John 15:8)
- Sacrificially loves others (John 13:25)
- Serves a lost and broken world (Acts 1:8)
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2)

Remember, the church Jesus is building may do many things, but those many things must work together to accomplish one thing - make disciples. For all the above to be done, your commitment to a local church body is necessary.

At Lifecentre, we articulate this commitment in four Scripture-soaked, Spirit-filled statements.



NEXT & GROWTH STEPS

1. _____ .
2. _____ .
3. _____ .
4. _____ .

- A) Prayerfully consider the commitment to Share, Serve, Support, and Protect Lifecentre.
- B) Reflect on the characteristics of a healthy local church.
- C) Review what it means to be a disciple of Christ.
- D) Embrace how the church can be a table, pulpit, and square.
- E) When ready, continue to view Week Three.

As you do, we invite you to prayerfully consider asking yourself the following questions regarding membership at Lifecentre. Am I Willing To:

- Share the responsibility of Lifecentre?
- Serve the ministry at Lifecentre?
- Support the mission of Lifecentre?
- Protect the unity of Lifecentre?

After completing all four video sessions, you can apply for membership using the link on the LifeTrack: Core page of our website.