



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ORANGE PARK**

discussion guide

February 26, 2023

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

Acts 2:38-41

³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ¹

Romans 12:10

¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.²

The “one another” verses in the New Testament:

Romans 12:16-17, 14:13, 15:5-7; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Galatians 5:13-15, 26; Ephesians 4:1-3, 4:32, 5:18-21; Colossians 3:9-10, 12-13, 16; 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13, 5:15; Hebrews 3:13, 10:24-25; James 4:11, 5:9, 16; 1 Peter 1:22-23, 4:8-10, 5:5; 1 John 4:7-8, 11-12.

D-GROUP AGENDA

Welcome & Catch Up

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

Read It

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

Study It

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God’s truth. Here are a few good books on church membership

Church Membership: How the World Knows Who Represents Jesus by Jonathan Leeman

Why Should I Join a Church? by Mark Dever

Why Bother with Church? by Sam Allberry

¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#). (2016). (Ac 2:38–41). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

² [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#). (2016). (Ro 12:10). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Review It

Why do you think church membership has become so confusing for so many? What are some distinctives regarding membership that you question? What seems traditional and not biblical and what seems like it is biblical, but you're not sure?

When it comes to the obligations of church members, why does this so often get ignored?

Where does the local church fail in instructing well regarding membership and where does it do well.

How can a church guard against being legalistic regarding membership while being convictionally biblical?

Five Questions

1. What did you like about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week's sermon?

Prayer

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.