

## ‘Ready, steady, grow!’ MEMBERSHIP

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- Living the dream <sup>1</sup>
- The 5 ‘M’s

### **SPIRITUAL UNION – in being united to Christ, you are united to his people**

- The corporate dimension <sup>2</sup>
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- The corporate challenge

### **CHURCH INVOLVEMENT – spiritual union with Christ’s people must be expressed in joining an actual church**

- The spiritual needs physical expression
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- The church in Acts <sup>3</sup>

## **MEANINGFUL MEMBERSHIP – joining a church means being committed as a member to that family of believers**

- Being a member
  - A church taking responsibility for you <sup>4</sup>
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - You taking responsibility for that church <sup>5</sup>
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Becoming a member
  - Formalising the relationship
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Three responses
    - Non-Christian
  
  
    - Fringe Christian
  
  
    - Reluctant Christian



### **Discussion questions**

*How does this view of church membership make you feel? What are you going to do as a result?*

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<sup>4</sup> Hebrews 13:17

<sup>5</sup> <https://visualtheology.church/products/one-anothers> - <https://overviewbible.com/one-another-infographic/> Philippians 1:27

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<sup>1</sup> 2 Samuel 7:13; Matthew 1:1; 16:18; 1 Peter 2:4-5; Ephesians 2:22

<sup>2</sup> 1 Peter 2:5,9; John 15:5; 1 Corinthians 12:27; John 10:16; Mark 3:35; Ephesians 5:27

<sup>3</sup> Acts 5:11; 8:2,3; 11:26; 12:1; 14:23,27; 15:3,4,41; 20:21