

‘Ready, steady, grow!’ MEMBERSHIP

- Living the dream ¹
- The 5 ‘M’s

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

- The corporate dimension ²

- 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 ³

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 ⁴

 - You taking responsibility for that church ⁵

- 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?

⁴ Hebrews 13:17

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

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

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

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