

WHAT IS A HEALTHY CHURCH MEMBER?

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THIS BOOK ANSWERS THE QUESTION: "HOW WILL YOU BECOME A BETTER MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALTH OF GOD'S FAMILY IN THIS PLACE (THE LOCAL CHURCH)?" "THE HEALTH OF THE LOCAL CHURCH DEPENDS UPON THE WILLINGNESS OF ITS MEMBERS TO INSPECT THEIR HEARTS, CORRECT THEIR THINKING, AND APPLY THEIR HANDS TO THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY" (PAGE 15).

Community Group Questions

LEADERSHIP TIPS (From a training session at Sov Grace Fairfax, VA)

Five Pointers on Using the Take It Home Questions:

1. You'll always have twice as many Take it Home questions as you will need for your group. Choose ones that might be most helpful for your group.
2. Don't focus on answering all the questions, use the questions to get into personal application.
3. Take some time to read the passage and remind the folks of the main points and key ideas, but keep this as brief as possible. Don't re-preach the message.
4. Come with a back-up plan. If you're not getting a lift from the Take it Home questions, have a question relevant to what's going on with the folks in the group.
5. Try to engage folks in responding to each other, so you don't become the 'answer person'.

Leaders remember our monthly goals

1. Prayer- around gospel encounters, praises in the group, praises of our great God.
2. Encourage intentional living (gospel in the everyday)
3. Verbally inform about church life- announcements (or prayer about - facility, prayer regarding pressing issues in your group or in the church- see point one)
4. Apply the word
 - a. Scripture memory- ***I Corinthians 10:13***
 - b. sermon application
 - c. Putting off the old self and putting on Christ
 - i. confession leading to repentance through

- ii. accountability- we want people to be suspicious of their own hearts and learn to apply the gospel with adults and children.

5. Joy in all you do ☺

CHAPTERS 9 & 10

Seek to apply some of the following questions:

1. Talk about interesting parts from Chapters 9 & 10. Share one idea God used to convict or comfort your heart.
2. As local church leaders seek to humbly shepherd the Body, how can group members support and place greater trust in the leadership and encourage others to support and trust leaders? (Example: One way to support and honor leaders on page 96 is to protect the leader's reputation by sheltering them from unwarranted criticism).
3. Page 98 suggests that "a healthy church member should have a teachable spirit." How can group members specifically grow in being teachable. (The author says being teachable means: accepting kind instruction and rebuke, not opposing the pastor's teaching, and praying for protection from satan when we discover opposition to the pastor's teaching in our hearts.)
4. Are group members regularly praying for church leaders? Discuss ways the group can increasingly love their leaders through specific prayers.
5. Do group members have a specific plan for their own daily prayer time. If so, they can share with others for encouragement. If they don't have a regular plan then encourage them to set a regular time and place, while following up with them next week for accountability.
6. Discuss the benefits of actually praying the Word of God (On page 110 the author says our prayers should be "controlled by the Spirit", meaning prayer should be according to the will of God, which is revealed in the Word of God). Remind them that praying the Word is one way of praying according to God's revealed will.
7. Ask group members to discuss someone in their life who is hard to pray for, and encourage them to persist in loving this person through prayer.