

# 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, pains 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 5 & 6

Seek to apply some of the following questions:

1. Talk about interesting parts from Chapters 5 & 6. Share one idea God used to convict or comfort your heart.
2. Which of the 6 things listed by Mark Dever regarding evangelism on pages 59-60 do you need to be most frequently reminded of as you share the Gospel? Explain.
3. Do you regularly meditate on the Gospel's power to change your heart and the heart of others? Remind each other of the Gospel's power by citing specific examples and testimonies. Encourage one another to remember that the power lies entirely in the Gospel, not the eloquence or craftiness of the people sharing it.
4. Discuss how the church community can impact evangelism as on-lookers and visitors see genuine love, reconciliation, unity, and community displayed in the church around the Gospel.
5. Remind your group from page 64 that local church commitment "is precisely how God intends his people to live out the faith and experience Christian love." Explain the five I's listed on page 64 (indifferent, ignorant, indecisive, independent, inverted). Are group members tempted in these ways? Encourage one another to be committed as family, and discuss our absolute need for community through the local church.
6. What specific steps can group members take to stir "each other up to love and good deeds?"
7. On pages 68-70 the author lists 7 things that characterize healthy church members: Attends regularly, seeks peace, edifies others, warns & admonishes others, pursues reconciliation, bears with others, prepares for the ordinances, & gives sacrificially of time, money, and talents. In which areas are group members struggling? What heart idols are revealed? (Ex: comfort, human approval, control, power)