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CAPITAL CITY

PRACTICES & CONVERSATIONS

A resource to help you engage in a regular rhythm of spiritual practices and a tool to encourage conversation with God and others as you encounter Jesus, become like Jesus, and love like Jesus

Part 1: Practice

Spiritual practices help us create space to open ourselves to God.

In this week's practice, we are going to consider what it means to be a member. What organizations, groups, and clubs are you a member of? Why? What are the benefits of membership? What made you want to be a member? Do these things feel different than membership within the church? Why? Talk with God about what you notice.

Part 2: Conversations between you and God

Spend some time with God this week, considering these questions:

1. In 1 Timothy 5, Paul talks about accountability within the church. Why is that important? Who are the people in your life who help hold you accountable to living a godly life?
2. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 encourages followers of Jesus to use their gifts within the church for the common good. How are you using your gifts within the church?
3. What draws you toward church membership and what hesitations do you have?

Part 3: Conversations with others

1. What does Paul mean in 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 when he uses the metaphor describing the church as a body? What does it mean to be a part within the body?
2. Read Acts 6:1-6. What benefit was more ministry leaders, workers, and disciples? Why were they needed?
3. The church thrives when its' members function as a family and as a body instead of as consumers. What does that look like practically?