

Membership † Discipleship † Leadership

Hebrews 10:24-25 *“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching”*

I am a member of _____.

“belonging to a congregation of believers who assemble themselves to be edified by faith that they may be fully equipped to do the works of God”

“Connected”

Saved by God’s Grace for God’s Glory

Proverbs 4:7 *“Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding”*

In the eight chapter of Luke, we learn of the women and many others who provided for Jesus and His disciples from their personal resources. They were many but became as one to contribute to the life and ministry of our Lord. The bible does not provide a lot of background information on these individuals. They came from different environments and had different life experiences. However, they connected to achieve a common goal. Jesus did not need their personal resources, because He desires to be in relationship with us, this is an opportunity for us to partner with and partake in His ministry. The problem that we face is, people are attached (emotional ties) to the church but not connected (related) to the ministry. God’s plan for the church was not to be religious. He established the church to build relationships. David said *“I was glad when they said to me; Let us go into the house of the LORD.”* (Psalm 122:1). David, these women and many others understood the power in the unity of “us”.

The New American Standard Bible (NASB) records that they contributed out of their *private* means. Most of the time, this is where we lose the battle. What we do in private will be made public eventually because your public expression is a result of your private digression (departure from). When you’re attached to church, it’s like an addict getting a quick recovery, but in private have a tendency to go back to what satisfies the flesh. Verse 2 says they were healed of evil spirits and infirmities (sickness; character weakness). They committed their lives to following Jesus and His disciples thereafter. God called us out of darkness knowing who we are, and who He desires us to be. We believe, but are we becoming? Get connected. We’re one decision away from destiny.

-Create an environment where God wants to dwell!

Romans 12:2 “. . . be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

I. What private thoughts are hidden in your heart that prevent you from connecting?

II. Mary Magdalene was healed of *seven* evil spirits and became one of the most influential women in His ministry. What seven evil spirits do you need to be healed from so that you can properly connect to the ministry?

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| 1) _____ | 5) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 6) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 7) _____ |
| 4) _____ | ex: Gossip |

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

III. What private resources can you contribute to the ministry?
ex: serving others and how

Psalm 119:11 “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”

| Day/ Date | Daily Reading | What verse had the most impact? ex: Genesis 1:27 |
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| Monday/ | Genesis 1-3 | |
| Tuesday/ | Genesis 4-6 | |
| Wednesday/ | Genesis 7-9 | |
| Thursday/ | Genesis 10-12 | |
| Friday/ | Genesis 13-15 | |
| Saturday/ | Genesis 16-18 | |
| Sunday/ | Genesis 19-21 | |

