

# HOPE GROUP

## STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### GETTING TO KNOW ME

In your own words, what does “placing membership” in a local congregation mean to you, and how is it different from just attending regularly?

Why do you think many American Christians don't see the need identify themselves as members of their local congregation?

### INTO THE BIBLE

According to **Acts 2:42-47**, what did early Christians commit/devote themselves to?

In **1Tim.5:9**, how do you think the leaders of a local congregation knew which widows were to be financially supported by their church?

Read: **Mat.18:12; Prov.27:23; Heb.13:17**

How are the leaders of a congregation supposed to know what sheep they are responsible to care for?

Read: **1Tim.5:17; 1Pet.5:1-2**

How are Christians to know which leaders they should submit to?

Read: **Acts 6:2-3** how did leaders of a appoint tasks in the church?

Read: **Mat. 18:17; 1 Tim. 5:20**

In what way is the local congregation and its leaders involved in personal conflict resolution?  
membership impact church discipline?

How does

### APPLICATION

What could our congregation do to help encourage regular attenders to commit to membership?