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Church Membership that Leads to Discipleship
Selected Scripture

Introduction:

Outside of my love for Jesus, Sherry, and my family, there is nothing I love more than the church...especially Clements Baptist Church! The greatest joy of my life is serving the body of Jesus Christ with the gifts God gave me at salvation. My second greatest joy comes from discipleship.

Six Biblical Reasons Everyone Should Be Connected To a Church Family:

1. The church disciplines me in order for me to find God's plan for my **life**.
(II Corinthians 5:14 ESV)
 - The Bible calls this **worship**.

2. The church disciplines me to connect with other **believers**.
(Romans 12:5-6a ESV)
 - The Bible calls this **fellowship**.
 - **How Does One Join the Church at Clements?**
 - A. Profess **salvation** in Jesus Christ alone. (II Corinthians 8:5 ESV)
 - B. Follow the Lord in believer's **baptism** if you have never done so.
(Matthew 28:19 ESV)

3. The church disciplines me to grow **spiritually**.
(Ephesians 4:13-16 ESV)
 - The Bible calls this **discipleship**.

4. The church disciplines me to **give something back**.
(Hebrews 6:10-12 ESV)
 - The Bible calls this **ministry**.

5. The church disciplines me to be a **generous giver**.
(Malachi 3:10)
 - The Bible calls this **stewardship**.

6. The church disciplines me to be involved in the ministry of **reconciliation**.
(II Corinthians 5:18-20 ESV)
 - The Bible calls this **evangelism**.