

Lesson 7 – Is Membership in a Church Biblical

Key Verse: Acts 5:13-15 – “13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. 14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) 15 Inasmuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.”

How many times is the phrase “church membership” used in the New Testament? _____

1. Church Discipline.

- a. Matthew 18:15-17.
- b. Acts 5:1-15.
- c. 1 Corinthians 5:4-13.

2. Church Leaders.

- a. Acts 6:1-8.
- b. 1 Timothy 3:1-15.
- c. Titus 1:4-9.
- d. 1 Timothy 4:14.
- e. Hebrews 13:7, 17.
- f. James 5:14.
- g. 1 Peter 5:1-4.
- h. 3 John 9-10.
- i. Acts 15:22-31.
- j. Acts 18:27.
- k. 2 Corinthians 8:18-24.

“It must be noted that the New Testament does not sanction any ministry that is separate from a church.” (Blackburn, 53).

3. Benevolence.

- a. 1 Timothy 5:9-16.

How are these categories beneficial to churches today? _____

How are these categories beneficial to SGBC? _____
