

# MEMBERSHIP/BAPTISM | WEEK 3

## Living out membership: “One-anothering”

There are two words that you’ll see all over the New Testament when it comes to church life: “one another.” Let’s look at where this idea comes from. If we look back at Jesus’ interaction with his disciples, there is a foundational “one another” mark of being a member of Christ’s body that He says is an important “new commandment” that He is bringing:

**Read | John 13:34-35.** What was the commandment that Jesus enlisted his disciples to live out as a “new commandment” together?

What happens when we do it?

**Read | 1 John 4:11-12.** What makes acting like this possible for Christians? Who has done it first and both empowers us and motivates us? So what if we don’t live out this “one another” commandment from Jesus?

**Read | Titus 3:3.** In contrast, what demonstrates that we don’t belong in the church? What is a mark of being without God?

In fact, for those who become a part of a church and still engage in dissensions, fights, and division within the church, what does

**Titus 3:9-11** say should be done with them?

Love and hate may seem like such general categories that it’s hard to wrap our heads around how to actually live them out with others. But the Bible is helpful in describing how we can live out loving one another in particular ways.

**Read/Think/Write |** Look at the categories of “one-anothering” from the New Testament below. **Read** the verses and **write** your own summary of what it means to “one-another” fellow members:

1. **Speaking truth to teach and exhort**

Eph. 4:25    Col. 3:16    Eph. 5:19    Heb. 3:13

How can I help bless “one another”?

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2. **Bearing burdens and forgiving**

Gal. 6:2    Eph. 4:2    Col 3:13

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3. **Praying for one another**

Eph. 6:18    Col. 1:9    James 5:16    2 Thess. 3:1

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**Do |** List ways in which you plan to live out the “one-anothering” you summarized above this week. Be as specific as possible. Try to fill a half-page with ideas.