

Sermon Notes

1. Jesus has given us his _____ for the church.
Mt. 16:13-20
2. Jesus has given us his _____ for the church.
Mt. 28:18-20
3. Jesus has given us his _____ for the church.
1 Jn 4:7-12

Journey Group Questions

Church membership and the active participation that goes with it are not optional elements of being a Christ-follower. Genuine worshipers-disciples are reclaimed by God for God's own glory to be members of covenant communities called churches. Churches are composed of believers in covenant with one another and with God to share Christ and to share life with one another. And, believers in covenant with one another are called church-members. However, many folks who think of themselves as believers are not members of a particular church, or are not actively participating in the life and mission of a particular church if they are members.

1. Why do you think this trend is increasingly becoming the norm instead of the exception?
2. What are the consequences of this trend for folks who think of themselves as believers, but are not actively participating members?
3. What are the consequences of this trend for churches, and for the advancement of the gospel?
4. What can you and your Journey Group do to help reverse this trend?