

CrossPointe Church- Starting Pointe
2/13/22 — “We Exist for God’s Glory”

Outline:

What is the church?

- “Ekklesia” means “assembly” (Matthew 16:18)

We believe the church is all people for all time who are saved by God through Jesus.

Descriptions of the church in the Bible:

- Family of Christ (Matthew 12:50)
- Bride of Christ (Revelation 19:7)
- Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27)

How do we become a member of the universal church?

- Born again by God (John 1:12–13, 3:3–7, 1 Peter 1:3)
- Adopted by God (Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:4–7, Ephesians 1:3–6)
- Called by God/set apart for God (Romans 8:29, Ephesians 3:14–21, 1 John 3:1–2)

How do we become a member of a local church?

- Salvation (Acts 2:37–40)
- Baptism (Matthew 28:18–20, Acts 2:41)
- Commit to a local body of believers (Acts 2:42–47)

Why is church membership important?

- Biblical example
- Glimpse of heaven
- Gives us a people, place, and purpose to connect to God’s Mission

The cultural problem regarding church membership:

- Low value
- Low expectation
- Low standard and low commitment

Our desire at CrossPointe:

- To raise the value, expectation, and standard for church membership.
- The church is valuable because she was purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Who is CrossPointe Church?

We exist for God's glory by committing ourselves to God's truth, God's people, and God's mission.

God's Glory: Our Motive and Goal

- All we do is for God's glory. (Isaiah 2:17, Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 10:31)

How do we glorify God?

- We respond to Him in a way worthy of His supreme value and character.

We glorify God through our three core values:

- God's Truth (What We Believe)
- God's People (Who We Are)
- God's Mission (What We Do)

Small Group Discussion:

1. Read Ephesians 4:1-16. What stands out to you in the text in regards to the church?
2. What spoke to you in the sermon Sunday?
3. What comes to mind when you think of the word church?
4. Which description of the church found in the Bible speaks to you most? Why?
5. How does someone become a member of the universal church?
6. What is the universal church?
7. Why is local church membership important to you?
8. How does church membership give us a glimpse of heaven? How does it give us to a people, a place, and a purpose to connect to God's mission?
9. Why do you think there is a lack of commitment today in regards to church membership and faithfulness to gathering weekly?
10. What does it mean to exist for God's Glory? How do we glorify God?
11. How can committing ourselves to God's truth, God's people, and God's mission bring God glory?