August 16, 2015 HOW TO CHOOSE A CHURCH STEPS – PART 3 Ephesians 2:19 Rocky Purvis, Senior Pastor

Eph. 2:19 (LB) ... You are members of God's very own family, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

TWO IMPORTANT TRUTHS

- 1. The church is a family. 1 Peter 3:8 (LB)
- 2. You belong in a family.

Membership is a <u>biblical</u> concept! Membership means <u>commitment</u>.

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CHOOSING A CHURCH (There are <u>primary</u> and <u>secondary</u> questions.)

TWO SECONDARY QUESTIONS

- 1. What style of worship do they have?
- 2. How are they structured?

THREE PRIMARY QUESTIONS

1. What do they <u>BELIEVE</u>? Proverbs 14:15

- Do they believe in the <u>authority</u> of God's Word?
- Do they believe in the <u>uniqueness</u> of God's Son? John 8:24, John 20:31

2. Can I BELONG? Romans 12:5

- Is there a <u>clear</u> purpose to rally around?
- Is there a community I can do life with?

3. Will they help me <u>BECOME</u> more like Christ? 2 Corinthians 13:9 (LB), Romans 8:29

- Am I being challenged to <u>stretch</u> my faith?
- Am I being challenged to <u>serve</u> in ministry?
- Am I being challenged to share my story?

The right church is going to always ask for <u>more</u>! Have you found the right church? Why not?