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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

HOW
THE WORLD
KNOWS WHO
REPRESENTS
JESUS

JONATHAN LEEMAN

Foreword by Michael Horton

Big Idea

Just as the Bible establishes the government of your nation as your highest authority on earth when it comes to your citizenship in that nation, so the Bible establishes the local church as your highest authority on earth when it comes to your discipleship to Christ and your citizenship in Christ's present and promised nation.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Romans 13:1

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” ...

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 16:13-19

Big Idea

A local church is a real-life embassy, set in the present, that represents Christ's future kingdom and his coming universal church.

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A church member is a person who has been officially and publicly recognized as a Christian before the nations, as well as someone who shares the same authority of officially affirming and overseeing other Christians in his or her church.

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Christians don't join churches; they submit to them.

**During this time of reflection,
consider this question:**

**What's my next step in
church membership?**