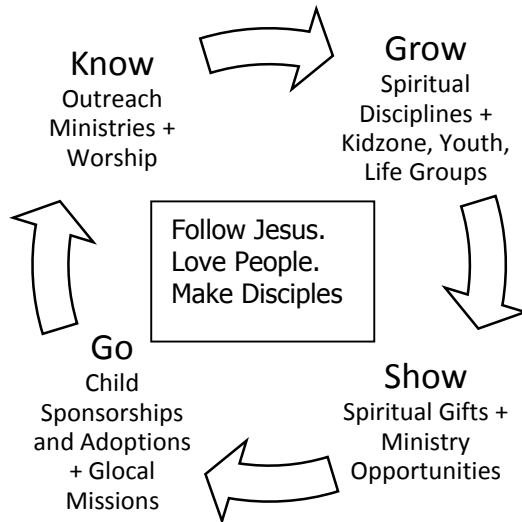


## Series: Disciple

Part 9: My Place in God's Family

Sunday February 7

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2. Tim Hawkins: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxBCtKfqwXY>

3. The church is (metaphorically)...

- a. A family
- b. A body
- c. A flock

4. Sheep and Shepherd demo.:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e45dVgWgV64>

5. Who should be baptized?

6. When should we be baptized? Acts 2:41; 8:36; 16:33

7. How should we be baptized? Jn. 3:23; Acts 8:38

8. Why communion?

- a. It constantly reminds us of what Christ did for us.
- b. It's a public expression of our dependence upon Christ's death for our acceptance with God.
- c. It's a heads-up!

## Study Notes

### DISCUSSION

1. If you had to come up with a metaphor to describe the church – what might it be and why?

2. Who (in the group) has been baptized? Talk about that experience. Who (in the group) has not been baptized? If you're willing – please talk about why.

3. What has communion meant to you? How do you approach communion when we celebrate it as a church? Is it a joyous or a sober memorial – or both?

### INTO THE BIBLE

4. Read 1 Pet. 3:8 and 1 Tim. 5:1-2. How should we treat each other in the family of faith? Compare your answer to Ro. 14:9. How can we live at peace and edify each other?

5. Read Col. 1:18. What does it mean that Christ is the head of the church?

6. Read Jn. 10:1-6, 11-18. This image of Christ as the "Good Shepherd" may be hard for us to relate to. What do you think it meant to folks during the time of Christ? What do you think it means for us today?

### APPLICATION

7. If you haven't been baptized – would you contact Pastor Rob to talk with him about it?

8. What might you do in the future to better prepare your heart and mind to receive communion?