



# Membership

NOVEMBER 20

## INTRODUCTION

This week was a special service for Prairie Lakes Church - the first commissioning of members from the newly formed Membership class! As they prepare to commission our newest No Matter Followers, Pastor John and Pastor Jesse explain how this class came about, review the main concepts, and explain why it's so important we align with its message.

## DISCUSSION

1. Pastor John and Pastor Jesse share what they learned about ministry at PLC from 2020-2022 and the effect it had on the direction of our church. Share with your group any thoughts or experiences you had about church, specifically PLC, during these years.
2. Explain what you think it means to be a part of a No Matter Church. What should our conversations and actions look like when we interact with non-believers?
3. Where are you along the Discipleship Path? (See page two of this study guide.) How about the people in your Little Iowa?
4. **Read Matthew 28:18-20.** How do these verses relate to this statement from our Membership class: "Your depth as a follower of Jesus is determined by your increasing love and obedience to Jesus which is marked by your love for your neighbor"?

## TAKE ACTION

1. Pray about next steps for your group. Do you need to adjust the focus of your studies so you can invite people in from your Little Iowa? What would it look like for your group to commit to being No Matter Followers?
2. If you have not taken the [Membership](#) classes, pray about when or if this is a next step for you.
3. Take time to be alone with God this week; pray, journal, listen to worship music, read the Bible. Listen to what God is revealing as you prepare for the holidays.

## RESOURCES

1. [The Essential Commandment: A Disciple's Guide to Loving God and Others](#) by Greg Ogden, available on Amazon.
2. Watch this short video by Lecrae Moore called "[Disciples Making Disciples](#)" on [RightNow Media](#). This is a great video for anyone with a middle school or high school student in their lives!
3. Looking for an Advent study? Check out a five-week series on [RightNow Media](#) by Matt Chandler called [Advent](#).

# Discipleship Path

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UNINTERESTED ➤ SPIRITUALLY  
CURIOUS ➤ NEW  
BELIEVER ➤ BEING  
DISCIPLED ➤ DISCIPLE  
MAKER