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The following questions can be used for Small Group discussions or for personal reflection:

1. What are some organizations that you belong to as a member? What is the point of membership in such organizations?
2. In Acts 2, 3000 people were baptized after Peter's call to repent and be baptized. To what were they added? How is that different from the organizations in Question 1?
3. Read through Ephesians 2. Did you notice the plural language in there? The concept of "us"? Why is this important to his discussion to the Ephesians?
4. Now read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. What did you notice about the imagery that Paul uses in this passage? How should this apply to the church of 2024?
5. What is the point of the church, according to these two passages?
6. What is the difference between a contract and a covenant?
7. List as many reasons as you can think of why you need the church.
8. For further study, read and discuss the following Scriptures: Romans 12:5, Hebrews 13:17; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 5:1-5.