

I'm In

Part 7 of the *I'm In* series

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Two changes that happen to you when you surrender your life to Jesus:

- You receive new citizenship in God's kingdom.
- You are adopted into God's family.

Your church family is made up of two parts:

- The universal church (extended family)

We were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body.

1 Cor 12:13

- The local church (immediate family)

"The church in Jerusalem", "the church at Antioch", "the church in Cenchreae", "the church in Ephesus", "the church in Smyrna".

(Acts 11:22, 13:1, Romans 16:1, Rev 2 & 3)

Important things to know about your local church:

- CTK is a family - if you want to belong, you need to attend.
- CTK is a team - if you want to make an impact, you need to get involved.
 - The goal - to make disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - The playbook - our vision, mission, values, methods & strategy
 - The method - making disciples through loving, intentional, truth-centered relationships
 - The end result - we win
- CTK is a movement - if you want to be part of changing the world, you need to become committed.
(1 Corinthians 12:18, 21, 24-25)

Ownership is...

- The "I'm In" line for CTK.
 - A reflection of your commitment & connection to your church.
 - A two-way commitment:
 - A commitment you make to your church to consistently practice the 6 core commitments.
 - A commitment your church leadership makes to you.
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Next Steps

Review the following 6 core commitments. Pick one that you currently don't practice & begin making steps to make it a regular part of your life:

1. *Consistently cultivating a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ*
2. *Consistently participating in biblical community*
3. *Consistently reaching out to people who are far from God*
4. *Consistently serving in a CTK ministry or another ministry that aligns with our mission, vision and values*
5. *Consistently stewarding personal resources to finance the ministry of CTK*
6. *Consistently attending corporate worship gatherings*

Attend an ownership class to hear more about ownership at CTK. The same class will be offered at two different times: October 23 & October 30 from 1-2 at CTK Ferndale.

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- Do you have membership to a gym or company? Why did you become a member? What does that membership give you?
- Have you ever been a "member" at a church? Was that a good or bad experience? Explain.
- Read Ephesians 2:19-22.
- This last Sunday Rich talked a lot about ownership. How does ownership differ from membership? (*think about the difference between being a member at Costco & an owner at Costco*)
- What is God saying to you about becoming an owner at CTK?