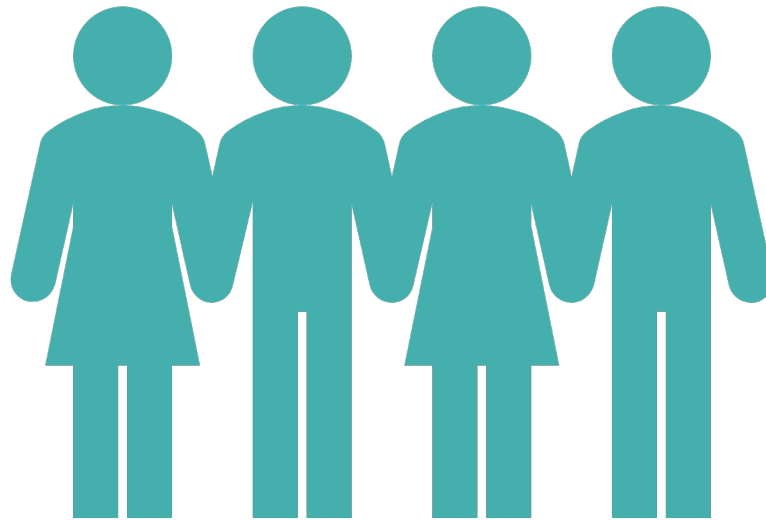


# I AM THE **CHURCH**

WEEK 6: I WILL TREASURE CHURCH  
MEMBERSHIP AS A GIFT

# COMMUNITY LEARNING COVENANT





**1. Use chat for questions and comments.**

## 2. Be Respectful

- All questions and comments should acknowledge the sacred value of people. For example, “Is my comment or question a barrier or bridge to deeper learning?”
- The virtual chat space is a community, not a monologue.



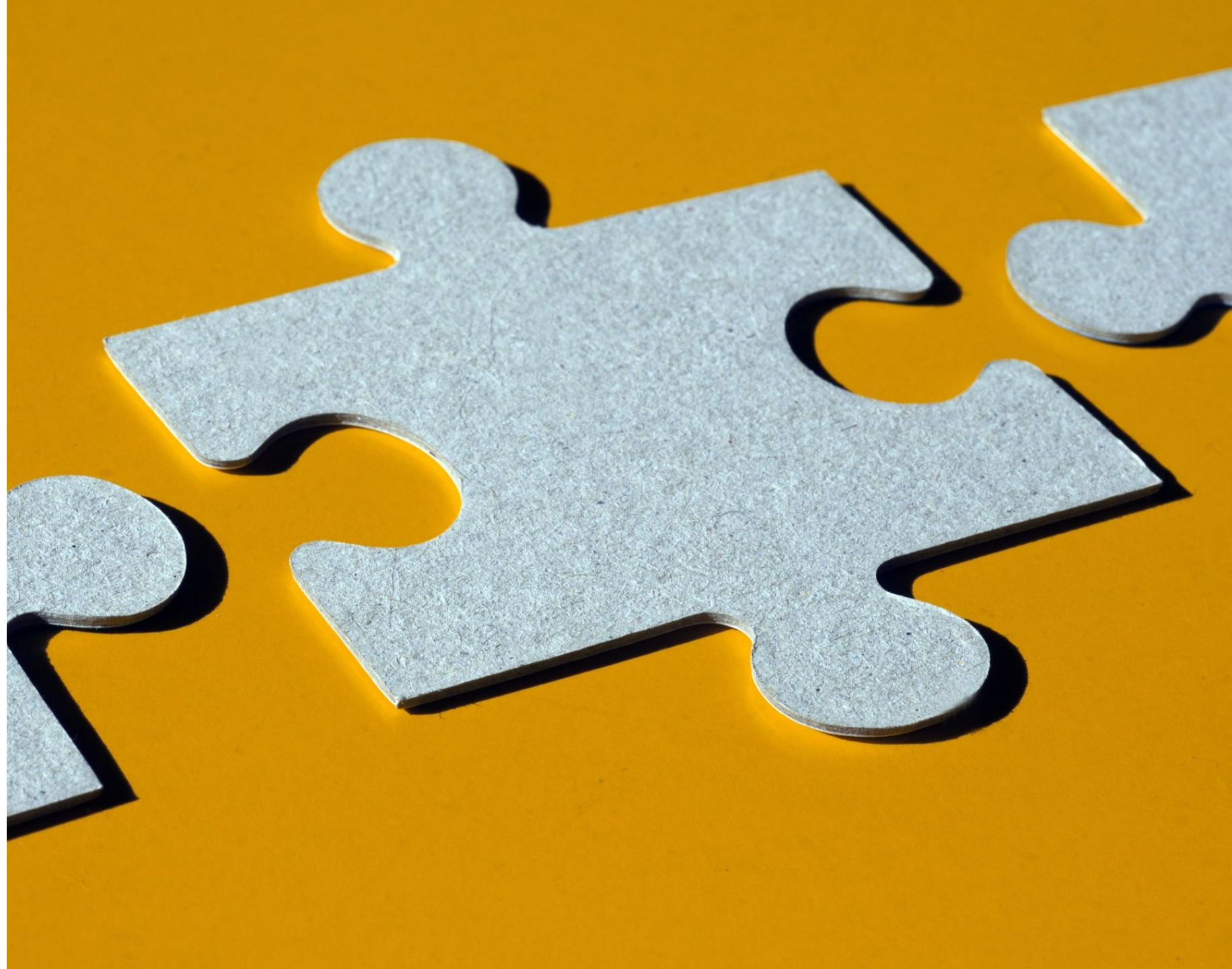
**3. When possible, avoid generalizations by pointing out specific passages or pages in the book.**



4. If we do not get to your questions/comments; or want the question/comment to remain confidential, etc., please email questions/comments to [pastor@lhmbc.net](mailto:pastor@lhmbc.net). You can expect that we will do some level of follow-up.



**5. Invite  
friends and  
family.**



# **I WILL TREASURE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AS A GIFT**



# TODAY'S TRUTH NUGGET

Church membership is a gift. We respond to gifts with gratitude. One key way we express our gratitude is to serve like Jesus did.

**Because church membership is a gift...**

# **1. I WILL BE PATIENT WITH GROWING LEADERS –**

## **1 Thessalonians 5:12**

”Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you.”

## **2. I WILL BE PATIENT AS MY CHURCH DEVELOPS –**

### **Ephesians 4:15-16**

“but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.”

# **3. I WILL ACCEPT THAT CHANGE IS ESSENTIAL TO GROWTH –**

## **Ecclesiastes 3:1**

“For everything there is a season and a time  
for every matter under heaven.”

## **4. I WILL INVEST MY RESOURCES IN MY CHURCH -**

### **Luke 6:38**

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

## **TAKE THE PLEDGE**

**I AM A CHURCH MEMBER**

**THIS MEMBERSHIP IS A GIFT. WHEN I RECEIVED THE FREE GIFT OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, I BECAME A PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST. I SOON THEREAFTER IDENTIFIED WITH A LOCAL BODY AND WAS BAPTIZED.**

## **TAKE THE PLEDGE**

**AND NOW I AM HUMBLLED AND HONORED TO SERVE AND TO LOVE OTHERS IN OUR CHURCH. I PRAY THAT I WILL NEVER TAKE MY MEMBERSHIP FOR GRANTED BUT SEE IT AS A GIFT AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OTHERS AND TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING SO MUCH GREATER THAN ANY ONE PERSON OR MEMBER.**



# **WHAT'S "ASH WEDNESDAY?"**

- 1. AN ANCIENT CHRISTIAN TRADITION**
- 2. ALWAYS 46 DAYS BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY**
- 3. MARKS THE BEGINNING OF LENT SEASON OF CHURCH YEAR**
- 4. FOCUS ON REPENANCE, PRAYER, AND ALIGNMENT TOWARD GOD**

# WHAT'S "ASH WEDNESDAY?"

5. ROOTED IN ANCIENT JEWISH AND OTHER SEMITIC TRADITIONS

6. ASHES SYMBOLIZE RESTORATION (NUMBERS 19:17), MOURNING (JOB 2:8; 42:5-6, ISAIAH 58:5)

7. PRACTICED BY MANY BRANCHES OF CHRISTIAN TRADITION.