

**Study Questions for the October 11, 2020 Sermon:
“Church Member - Your Vote Matters”
Acts 2:42-47, Acts 3:1-3**

1. In what sense is the church:
 - a. Is verse 44 teaching that Christians should hold all their possessions in common??
 - b. Is Acts 2:45 and 4:36 & 37 teaching that Christians should turn over their wealth to the leaders of their congregation?
2. Pastor Paul taught congregational churches are ultimately under the authority of Jesus. He cautioned us that, since there is no external human hierarchy overseeing Northwest Baptist, the church has the potential, if we lose touch with Jesus, to go WAY wrong. What can individual members do if they believe the church is drifting from sound doctrine?
3. Pastor Paul emphasized that, regarding church membership, any benefits we enjoy are secondary. The primary component of church membership is commitment to the congregation. Should churches have a process in place to remove non-committed members, just as it does for members that are engaging, unrepentantly, in some flagrant sin?
4. In Acts 13:2, we see church leaders praying and fasting prior to making a major decision. Does Northwest Baptist place a Biblical emphasis on fasting?
5. In Acts 2:42-45, we read of a congregation engaged in devotional acts, prayer, study of doctrine, and assisting needy members. Do you see this mix of activities at Northwest Baptist?