



Sermon Notes | January 1, 2023

Title: Time to (RE)Member

Text: Hebrews 10:19-25

Write down any New Year's Resolution or Spiritual Goals you may have for 2023.

If you always _____ what you've always _____,
you'll always _____ what you've always _____.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

_____ out of 10 churches in America are declining or growing at a pace that is slower than that of their communities.

What percentage of Gen Z claims no religious affiliation? _____

What percentage of Millennials claim no religious affiliation? _____

"...congregations across America are weak because many of us church members have lost the _____ of what it means to be a part of the body of Christ."

"Whoever wants to be first among you will be a _____ to all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to _____, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:44-45, CSB

ANOTHER LAYER TO THE PROBLEM

...we sign fewer petitions, belong to fewer organizations that meet, know our neighbors less, meet with friends less frequently, and even socialize with our families less often. (Robert Putnam, *Bowling Alone*)

"What really matters from the point of view of social capital and civic engagement is not merely nominal membership, but _____ and _____ membership." -Robert Putnam

People who are _____ in religious congregations tend to be happier and more civically engaged than either religiously unaffiliated adults or inactive members of religious groups...

FIRST STEP TO THE SOLUTION:

And let us consider _____ in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to _____ together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching. **Hebrews 10:24-25, CSB**

Going Deeper | Study & Discussion Questions

1. Share your spiritual goals for 2023 with someone. What's your plan to stick with these goals?
2. What do you want to see happen with Tulip Street Christian Church in this new year?
3. What does church membership mean for you?
4. Why do you think fewer people are active members of churches as well as other non-church organizations?
5. If loneliness and disconnection are part of the problem, how can TSCC be part of the solution for our community?