

Privileged to Serve

Luke 9: 18-27

The main difference between a member and an attender:

- Commitment
- Service

Members make a public:

- Declaration of faith in Christ.
- Commitment to a local church (church family, body of believers)
- Covenant to pray, attend, give, and serve.

Peter's public declaration of Jesus as Christ, gave him and the twelve special privileges:

Privileged to:

1. Deny Self.

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." —Luke 9:23

In the world, membership demands rights and privileges.

In the Kingdom, membership gives up one's rights and privileges.

"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it." —Luke 9:24

Privileged to:

2. Take up a **Cross**.

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Taking up your cross is:

- An **invitation**.
- Daily **surrendering** of self.
- Joining Christ’s yoke of **service**.

Privileged to:

3. **Follow** Jesus.

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Here at Oakland, what do we expect?

1. Commit to **Christ** and to the **Church**.
2. Commit to **growth**.
3. Committed to **service**.
4. Committed to **reach out**.

Memory Verse:

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