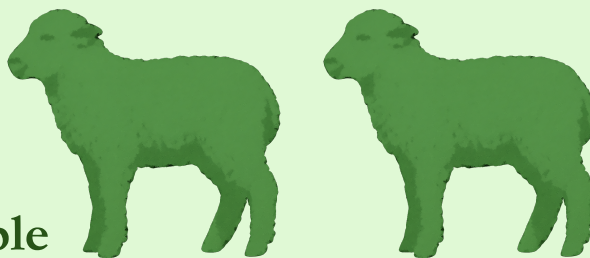


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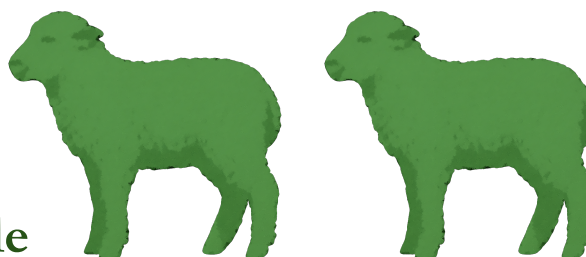
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Covenant Statement 5

I will faithfully pursue growth in Christ (discipleship), mutual accountability, and to spiritual nurture, care, and fellowship through participation in a small group.
(2 Peter 3:17-18)

Church Covenant E

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.
(1 Corinthians 12:26; Galatians 6:2).

“Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:14-18).

- Q1:** “These [things]” for which Peter’s audience is “waiting” are the destruction of the first created order and the recreation of the cosmos at the End of Days. How should the promise of Jesus’s return to make “all things new” (Rev 21:5) influence our current actions?
- Q2:** Peter speaks to the “patience” of the Lord in v. 15a. To what does the long-suffering of the Lord lead?
- Q3:** How can lack of gratefulness for God’s patience lead believers to store up resentment in their hearts against God?
- Q4:** At the end of v. 16, Peter tells his audience that some people twist the teachings of the Apostle Paul to their own destruction, as they do with “the other Scriptures.” What does the phrase, “the other Scriptures,” imply concerning the authority of Paul’s Letters? What are the implications of this authority according to 2 Timothy 3:16-17?
- Q5:** What does it mean to “take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people” (v. 17)?

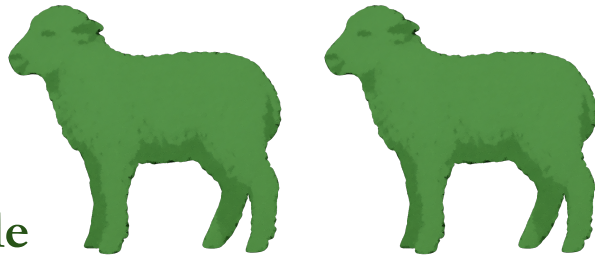
Q6: How can we “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (v. 18)?

Q7: Ask yourself, “Where in my life do I need to depend more on God’s grace? How can I pursue knowing Jesus more deeply this week?”

Q8: How does giving glory “to [Jesus] both now and to the day of eternity” (v. 18) shape the purpose of our lives today?

Q9: Ask yourself, “Do my daily choices—how I spend my time and resources, how I treat others, etc.—reflect a desire to glorify Christ? Am I living for the temporary recognition of myself or for the eternal praise of Christ?”

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Covenant Statement 6

I will diligently pray for, seek to encourage, and support the pastoral and ministry leadership provided to our church by those God puts in authority over us.
(1 Timothy 2:1-4; Hebrews 13:17).

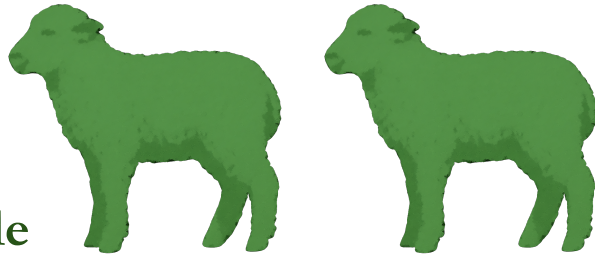
Church Covenant A

We will work and pray for the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.
(Ephesians 4:3)

**“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. . . . Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.
(Hebrews 13:7, 17-18).**

- Q1:** Who are the “leaders” we are urged to “remember” in v. 7?
- Q2:** Who are the men and women of faith that have passed on into the presence of Christ whom you hold up as models worthy of imitation? Why should these believers be imitated?
- Q3:** Why does the author of Hebrews connect “remembering leaders” with the Word of God in v. 7?
- Q4:** According to Hebrews 13:17, why should spiritual leaders receive the honor of being obeyed?
- Q5:** What happens when believers resist their leaders or make leadership burdensome (v. 17)?
- Q6:** How does the author’s call to “[p]ray for us” in v. 18 demonstrate the humility necessary to be a spiritual leader?
- Q7:** Ask yourself, “How can I, as a believer in Christ, make leadership in my church a joy rather than a burden?”
- Q8:** How does this passage point us back to Christ, known as the “Shepherd” (Mt 26:31; 1 Pet 2:25), the “Good Shepherd” (Jn 10:11-18), the “Great Shepherd” (Heb 13:20), and “Chief Shepherd” (1 Pet 5:4)?

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Covenant Statement 7

I will pursue intimate accountability with one or two others of the same gender, as God may direct, for the purpose of living the Christian life in the context of mutual accountability, faithfulness to Christ, and the development of faith.
(Proverbs 27:17)

Church Covenant B

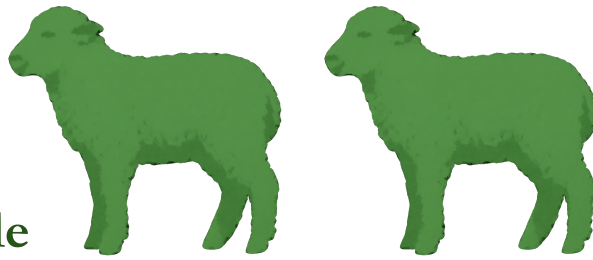
We will walk together in brotherly love, as is becoming of Christ and His Church, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require.
(Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 12:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:14)

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”

(Romans 12:9-13)

- Q1:** What does it mean for love to be “genuine”? How is “genuine love” the foundation of the actions listed in the following verses?
- Q2:** What does it mean to “[a]bhor what is evil,” and why are we to do so?
- Q3:** How can we practically “abhor what is evil and hold fast to what is good” in our daily lives?
- Q4:** Paul tells us to, “[o]utdo one another in showing honor.” What might this look like in the church today?
- Q5:** How can you take the initiative in honoring someone in your community group today?
- Q6:** Paul tells his audience in v. 11 to “not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.” How do we keep alive our spiritual zeal for serving the Lord?
- Q7:** What drains your spiritual zeal the most and why? How can you avoid that obstacle to maintaining spiritual passion?
- Q8:** How does rejoicing in hope and being in constant prayer help us remain patient in tribulation (v. 12)?
- Q9:** Paul urges his readers: “Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality” (v. 13). What physical, concrete expressions of love could your community group—as individuals or as a collective—show to their fellow saints?

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Covenant Statement 8

I will pray for the fulfillment of, and participate in the accomplishment of, the Great Commission.
(Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

Church Covenant H

We will, having been commissioned by Christ to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that Christ has commanded us, commit ourselves by his grace and the authority of Christ and the empowerment of his Holy Spirit to be Christ's witnesses in our Jerusalem, in all our Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth for the eternal glory of our great God.
(Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

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“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”
(Matthew 28:16-20)

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Q1: The eleven Disciples went to Galilee because Jesus told them to do so (v.16). What does this simple act of obedience teach us about following Christ?

Q2: When Jesus approached his Disciples in resurrected form, Matthew tells us plainly that “they worshiped him, but some doubted” (v. 17). Were the Disciples sinning in doubting that the one standing before them was the risen Christ?

Q3: If vv. 19-20 are the Great Commission, v. 18 is often the Great Omission. Why is it of paramount importance that we keep Jesus's declaration of authority (v. 18) with the Great Commission (vv. 19-20) when we cite it?

Q4: Do we have to uproot our lives and move halfway across the globe to, “Go...and make disciples”?

Q5: Why is baptism linked directly to disciple-making?

Q6: Jesus commanded us to teach others “to observe all that I have commanded you” (v.20). How is this different from merely passing along knowledge?

Q7: What specific opportunities has God placed in your life right now to live out the Great Commission in your home, workplace, or community?

Q8: Why do you think Jesus ends the Great Commission with the promise: “I am with you always, to the end of the age” (v. 20)?

Vision Statement

Equipping kingdom citizens one person at a time until all have heard

Mission Statement

Embodying, through grace, the priorities of a disciple
& passing them along in relationship for God's glory

glory gospel priorities pattern

MATURING AS MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Gathering

Giving ourselves to one another in relationship as Christ's body

Stages of Growth as a Fellow Worker to Become a United Example

- 1 **Unite:** Join together as Christ's body (ie. the local and universal Church)
for the purpose of glorifying God in thought, word & deed

Philippians 1:27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

- 2 **Work Together:** Live as a covenant people, expressed as a local church,
so that each believer as a body serves faithfully as a kingdom citizen

Ephesians 4:16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.



- 3 **Become an Example:** Follow the pattern of Christ so that others
personally receive, repeat and reproduce it through imitation,
until all have heard

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

Equipping

Making disciples with the life that God has given us

Stages of Growth as a Disciplemaker

- 1 Following Christ
- 2 Maturing as members of the body of Christ
- 3 Multiplying generations of disciples of Christ

Loving

Serving, Encouraging & Caring for our brothers & sisters in Christ

(Common Language, Common Understanding & Common Practice)