

## Genesis the Church Covenant

Having been brought, as we trust, by Divine grace, to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves wholly to Him, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to live out these shared values.

**Every Person Matters:** Each person is created in the image of God, entrusted with creative and spiritual gifts. We are each called upon to make a unique and humble contribution in the body of Christ.

**Response:** *We covenant to discover, develop and utilize our creative and spiritual gifts in service to the body of Christ while treating with dignity and respect both those within our community and those far from it.*

**Taking the Next Step:** Becoming disciples of Jesus Christ requires faithfulness to Scripture and the leading of the Holy Spirit. The journey has to begin somewhere; it is an ongoing pilgrimage that starts where we are and continues throughout our life.

**Response:** *We covenant to study the Scriptures regularly under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to respond faithfully to biblical teaching and the leading of the Holy Spirit throughout our lifelong spiritual journey.*

**Authentic Community:** We seek to be a people that God might dwell among: open, honest, accepting, welcoming and non-judgmental. We recognize that we are better together than apart.

**Response:** *We covenant to be actively involved in a small group where we can learn how to deepen our connection to God and be open, honest, accepting, welcoming and non-judgmental in all our relationships.*

**All of Life is Worship:** God is good. In response to God's faithfulness, we are compelled to respond with worship, reverence and praise in all areas of our lives: in work, play, study, prayer, giving and service.

**Response:** *We covenant to enter fully into our worship gatherings and to acknowledge God's constant presence in our lives, giving thanks wherever we live, work, serve and play.*

**Love in Action:** God loves people and so we love people. We show God's love in the world through action born of compassion. Without judgment, we seek to embody the love of Jesus Christ through tangible acts of kindness, care and service to others.

**Response:** *We covenant to demonstrate God's love in the world through action born of compassion, seeking, without judgment, to embody the love of Jesus through tangible acts of kindness, care and service.*

**Sending Out:** We send empowered and equipped disciples of Jesus Christ into the world. Every follower of Jesus is a missionary in the community where they live, work, serve and play.

**Response:** *We covenant to respond faithfully to God's call, serving as missionaries wherever we live, work, serve and play.*

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