

# HOPE MISSIONAL COMMUNITY COVENANT

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**SATURATE**  
RESOURCES

This is our covenant, as a committed group of Christians, to form a plan together for being Jesus' disciples on mission.

## The Gospel

We believe the gospel is the power of God for salvation through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ saving us for the purpose of glorifying God and participating in his mission of saturation through making disciples who make disciples.

We believe we have been saved from the penalty of sin...

- We believe we were enemies of God because of our sin and rebellion against him, deserving his wrath.
- We believe Jesus is the Son of God who is fully God and fully man and that he lived his life fully submitted to God the Father.
- We believe Jesus died on the cross for our sins according to the Scriptures.
- We believe Jesus rose again on the third day and appeared to many people.
- We believe Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father and sent his Spirit to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
- We believe the Holy Spirit has made us alive in Christ and we are now no longer condemned, but new creations, loved by God as Father, submitted to Jesus as Lord, and sent and empowered by the Spirit for the mission of making disciples.

We believe we are being saved from the power of sin...

- We believe that the Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead now lives in us and we have access to the power of God to overcome sin and Satan today.
- We believe it is God's will that we are sanctified—set apart to do his will.
- We desire to obey God and continue to grow in becoming more like Jesus and accomplishing his mission.
- We believe we have all we need to make this a reality—his Spirit, his Word, and his church—and we intend to steward all of this for his glory.

We believe we will be saved from the presence of sin...

- We believe Jesus will one day return and will make an end to sin, suffering, evil, and brokenness.
- We believe there will be a new heaven and a new earth.
- We believe he will judge the living and the dead, and all those who put their trust in Jesus's life, death, and resurrection on their behalf will enjoy being in God's presence forever in the new heaven and new earth.
- We believe all those who trust in something or someone other than Jesus for their life and justification before God will be separated from God forever.
- We believe it is our job as the church to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls and to display through our lives a foretaste of the future so that people will hunger for it and put their faith in Jesus Christ.

## Our Gospel Identity

We believe that we have been given a new identity in Christ. We are now children of God (family) sent by the power of the Spirit (missionary) to serve our King (servant) in fulfilling his mission to be disciples who make disciples.

### MISSIONARIES

We are Holy Spirit-filled missionaries sent as disciples to make disciples.

How we will commit ourselves as disciples who make disciples in the power of the Spirit.

1. Unchurched friends and families in Dawlish will be our missional focus.
2. We commit to regularly hang out in our homes and theirs, in pubs, coffee shops, sports fields, or wherever the Spirit leads us, in order to build relationships with these people.
3. We commit to weekly inviting others to join us at the table so we can eat with the people we are trying to reach.
4. We commit to pray together weekly for the people God is sending us to so we can bring them before the Lord and listen to what he is saying to us about them.
5. We commit to offering gospel opportunities to the people to whom we are sent so they can hear the gospel this year. We will offer The Story of God, share our stories with them, and listen to their story to earn the right to speak the gospel into what we hear.
6. We commit to engaging in celebrating birthdays, annual public celebrations and holidays with the people God is sending us to be good family.
7. We commit to identifying which celebrations are missing, where can we bring the better wine, or where can we bring the servant towel to the party.
8. We commit to blessing those we are being sent to in word or deed through food and drink, gifts, works of service, encouraging words, appropriate physical contact and giving them our time, especially to listen well to their story.
9. We commit to playing and resting with those God is sending us to through enjoying movies, meals, games, sports and activities, holidays and festivals.
10. We commit to growing as disciples who make disciples by helping each person in MC identify at least two to three goals each year, encouraging them and holding them accountable to help them achieve their goals.

### SERVANTS

We are servants of King Jesus committed to serving others.

How we will tangibly demonstrate the impact of the gospel in service to King Jesus.

1. We commit to being good news to the people group we are sent to by practicing hospitality, and living generously sharing food, flowers and anything else the Lord provides, our homes, our lives and our listening ears.
2. We commit to making our mission beautiful by welcoming any human being in Jesus' name, always having room for one more person at the table, and never judging or raising our eyebrows at anything we are told by them.

3. We commit to demonstrating Jesus's rule and reign through tangible service to those God is sending us to.
4. We commit to specific projects or events that we need to accomplish, or get involved in, to demonstrate the restorative work of the kingdom of God.
5. We commit to serving the disconnected or under-resourced among the people we are being sent to.
6. We commit to encouraging one another to see our workplaces and jobs as worship to our King.
7. We commit to serve together during our weekly celebrations with the larger body.
8. We commit to Spirit-led giving to our missional community, the wider church and others.
9. We commit to helping one another grow in serving others in light of each person's unique design by God (i.e., identify spiritual gifts or personality types).
10. We commit to intentionally sharing what we have with one another and those in need.

#### FAMILY

We are children of God who love one another as family.

How we will express our love as brothers and sisters adopted by the Father.

1. We commit to listening in prayer for one another, to discern what God is saying through His Holy Spirit.
2. We commit to undertaking whatever study or training we need as a group in light of where we all need to grow.
3. We commit to expressing our love for one another as brothers and sisters in practical ways, as well as through our words.
4. We commit to helping and encouraging any of us who believe the gospel but are not yet baptized to do so.
5. We commit to honouring the leaders in the wider church family who have been appointed to lead and shepherd us.
6. We commit to making sure all of us know one another's stories.
7. We commit to regularly celebrating Communion together.
8. We commit to regularly sharing meals with one another.
9. We commit to intentionally celebrating together, especially around the key milestones of life.
10. We commit to regularly practicing the rhythms of recreation in our everyday lives.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, commit, with God's help, from  
NAME

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, to live in light of my new identity in Christ  
START DATE END DATE

**in these ways with my missional community.**

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