

# MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

## WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

In our culture, where the Church is seen as either a dispenser of goods and services or a social club, we want Exodus Church to stand out as a gospel-centered community on the mission of Jesus.

The Church is the Bride of Christ, the Body of Christ, the family of God and the people whom Jesus has bought with His own blood (Acts 20). This universal church is also spoken of in the Scriptures in terms of local bodies of believers. The Church is to be the visible expression of the wisdom of God and the arm of Jesus in the world for the purpose of His Mission. The Church is to be led by qualified men who reflect the goodness of the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ. The Church—universal and local—belongs to Jesus.

So, the Church is a body of regenerated believers who, under qualified spiritual leadership, is seeking to make disciple- making disciples who are on the mission of Jesus in the world.

This is the kind of church Exodus seeks to be.

## WHY HAVE MEMBERS?

We have members at Exodus for a few reasons. First, there is indication in the Scripture that even the earliest of churches had some form of membership. Second, we believe that the leaders of Exodus Church will give an account for how the members of Exodus are shepherded. For this reason, we want to be a little more clear on who the leaders are responsible for. Finally, at Exodus Church, we want membership to mean something. Rather than just being a name on a list or a pass into a social circle, we want to know that our members are partnering with us, sacrificing generously and serving the mission of Jesus together as we seek to make disciple- making disciples and plant church-planting churches.

## EXODUS CHURCH AND HER LEADERS COVENANT TOGETHER TO...

- *Provide an environment where the gospel is central to life change.*
- *Be a spiritual family where you are known and encouraged.*
- *Be a people who both value Jesus and encourage you to value Jesus supremely in all of life.*
- *Provide leadership that reflects our Chief Shepherd's love, care and protection of the sheep.*
- *Be a community on mission where you can live out the mission of Jesus.*
- *Help you find the place where you can serve to the glory of God.*

## AS A MEMBER OF EXODUS CHURCH, I COVENANT TO...

- Seek to walk with Jesus in a relationship that is growing and vibrant.
- Seek to live in a manner worthy of the gospel in all of my relationships (both inside and outside Exodus Church).
- Live as a missionary where God has placed me. In light of this, I will seek to find 10 people to pray for me during the first year of my membership at Exodus Church.
- Participate in community through gathered worship and community group.
- Serve in the Body in a way that glorifies Jesus and helps accomplish the mission.
- Give to the mission in a way that is cheerful and sacrificial.
- Submit to spiritual authority in decisions that are made.

\_\_\_\_ I have read and affirm the Exodus Doctrinal Statement.

\_\_\_\_ I have read and affirm the Exodus Bylaws.

\_\_\_\_ I have had my Affirmation Meeting with an Elder or Leader.

\_\_\_\_ I am currently involved in a Community Group.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that I will be and expect to be held accountable to walk in a manner consistent with this Covenant and I willingly submit myself to the care and oversight of the leadership of Exodus Church.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_