Appendix A

Missional Community Covenant Template

This template serves as a guide for a committed group of Christians to form a plan together for being Jesus's disciples on mission. You may want to preface the forming of this covenant by doing a study on the gospel, your new identity in Christ, and the mission of making disciples. Or you could form your covenant while doing a study on each of those important topics.

Gospel

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

I believe I *have been saved* from the penalty of sin . . .

- I believe I was an enemy of God because of my sin and rebellion against him, deserving his wrath.
- I 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.
- I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins according to the Scriptures.
- I believe Jesus rose again on the third day and appeared to many people.

- I believe Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father and sent his Spirit to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
- I believe the Holy Spirit has made me alive in Christ and I am now no longer condemned, but a new creation, loved by God as Father, submitted to Jesus as Lord, and sent and empowered by the Spirit for the mission of making disciples.

I believe I *am being saved* from the power of sin . . .

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

I believe I *will be saved* from the presence of sin . . .

- I believe Jesus will one day return and will make an end to sin, suffering, evil, and brokenness.
- I believe there will be a new heaven and a new earth.
- I 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.
- I 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.
- I 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.

Gospel Identity

I believe that I have been given a new identity in Christ. I am now a child 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 will we commit ourselves as disciples who make disciples in the power of the Spirit?

1. Which people group will be our missional focus?
2. In what places should we regularly hang out in order to build relationships with those we want to reach?
3. How will we invite others to join us at the table? How often will we try to eat with others we are trying to reach?
4. How will we commit to listening prayer for those God is sending us to?
5. What specifically will we do so that the people to whom we are sent will hear the gospel this year (i.e., go through *The Story of God*, share our story with them, engage in a study, etc.)?
6. How will we engage in celebrating with the people group God is sending us to?
7. What celebrations are missing, where can we bring the better wine, or where can we bring the servant towel to the party?
8. How will we bless those we are being sent to in word or deed?

9. How will we play and rest with those God is sending us to?
10. What steps should each of us take this year to grow as disciples who make disciples (help each person identify at least two to three goals)?

Servants

We are servants of King Jesus committed to serving others.

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

1. What would good news look like to the people group we are sent to?
2. What needs beautifying in our missional focus?
3. How might we demonstrate Jesus's rule and reign through tangible service to those God is sending us to?
4. What specific projects or events do we need to accomplish or get involved in to demonstrate the restorative work of the kingdom of God?
5. How will we serve the disconnected or underresourced among the people we are sent to?
6. How can we encourage one another to see our vocations and jobs as worship to our King?
7. How could we serve together during our weekly celebrations with the larger body?
8. How will we walk through Spirit-led giving to the church and others?
9. How can we commit to help one another grow in serving in light of their unique design by God (i.e., identify spiritual gifts or personality types; write out personal mission statements; etc.)?
10. How will we intentionally share what we have with one another and those in need?

Family

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

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

1. How will we commit to listening prayer for one another?
2. What study or training do we need to go through as a group in light of where we all need to grow (keep in mind personal discipleship goals)?
3. What actions will we commit to in order to express our love for one another as brothers and sisters (think of the one-another passages)?
4. Are any of us who believe the gospel not yet baptized? What next steps should we take in obeying Jesus's command to be baptized (Matt. 28:19–20)?
5. How will we honor the leaders in the larger church family appointed to shepherd us?
6. How will we make sure all of us know one another's stories?
7. How will we celebrate Communion together?
8. What meals will we share with one another, and how often?
9. In what ways will we intentionally celebrate together, and around what?
10. What regular rhythms of recreating will we commit to together?

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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