



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Session 2

I. Overview of RCC's Philosophy of Ministry

A. Mission Statement

- Redeemer Community Church's **mission** is to glorify God by proclaiming the **gospel** of Jesus Christ and growing in loving **community**.
- Core Values- Gospel, Community, Mission

B. Alignment Statements

- We are motivated by the belief that God's Word is sufficient for all areas of life and ministry.
- Redeemer Community Church exists to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and making faithful disciples.
- Discipleship Groups are the way to experience authentic community, spiritual growth, and soul care.
- Every member is a missionary.
- The home is the single most powerful arena to change a life for God.
- Men are to be spiritual leaders who love their wives as Christ loves the church.
- Our purpose is our process.
- Simplicity...simplicity...simplicity
- We will not sacrifice what is best for what is good.
- Redeemer Community Church will be, by God's grace, a church planting church.

II. RCC's Sunday Gatherings & Discipleship Groups

A. Gospel Driven Liturgy

• Aspects of Christ-Centered Worship

- **Adoration**- recognition of God's greatness and grace
- **Confession**- acknowledgement of our sin and need for grace
- **Assurance**-affirmation of God's provision of grace
- **Thanksgiving**- expression of praise and thanks for God's grace
- **Petition and Intercession**- expression of dependence of God's grace
- **Instruction**- acquiring the knowledge to grow in grace
- **Communion/ Fellowship**- celebrating the grace of union with Christ and his people
- **Charge and Blessing**- living for and in the light of God's grace

B. Exegetical Preaching

- At Redeemer Community Church, we believe that the Bible teaches that faith comes by hearing the gospel proclaimed. Therefore, our preaching and teaching is centered on Christ and God's redemptive plan, which unfolds throughout Scripture. Typically, our preaching will be expository, as we will walk through books of the Bible in their entirety.

C. Weekly Communion

- We enjoy participating in the Lord's Supper as an important aspect of our worship every week. We hold communion in high regard because Jesus gave it to us as the sign and seal of his new covenant. When we who are united to Christ and each other by common faith celebrate this "visible gospel message," God strengthens our fellowship with each other and confirms his promise of redemption to us.

D. One-another Driven Discipleship Groups

III. Commitments

A. RCC's commitments to Members

1. Gospel Training for Life and Holiness

- *"Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:1-2*

2. Pastoral Care & The Importance of Church Discipline

- **Church Discipline-** There are multiple mandates for church discipline to church leaders and churches throughout the NT from both Jesus and Paul. Subsequently, it is imperative that unrepentant sin and false teaching by professing Christians be disciplined by the church through its leaders.
- Please Read RCC's Bylaw Section 6.4-6.5 & RCC Relational Commitment Guide on Church Discipline

3. Transparency and Accountability

- Please Review RCC's Bylaws sections 8 – 14

B. A Member's commitment to RCC

1. RCC's Membership Covenant

- **I will protect the unity of Redeemer Community Church...**
 - a. by acting in love toward other members (1Peter 1:22)
 - b. by using my words to build up one another (Ephesians 4:29)
 - c. by following the leaders of RCC (Hebrews 13:17)
- **I will share the responsibility of Redeemer Community Church...**
 - d. by praying for the leaders, members, and growth of RCC (Eph. 6:18-19)
 - e. by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:18-20)
 - f. by warmly welcoming those who visit (Romans 15:7)
- **I will serve the ministry of Redeemer Community Church...**
 - g. by discovering my gifts and talents and using them at RCC (1 Peter 4:10)
 - h. by allowing myself to be equipped for the work of ministry by my elders (Eph. 4:11-12)
 - i. by developing a servant's heart (Philippians 2:3,4,7)
- **I will support the testimony of Redeemer Community Church...**
 - j. by attending faithfully (Hebrews 10:25)
 - k. by living a godly life through the power of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25)
 - l. by regular financial giving (1Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

2. RCC's Relational Commitment Guide

- Reminds each of us of our mutual commitment to work together to pursue unity, maintain friendships, preserve marriages, and build relationships that reflect the love of Christ.
- Helps to prevent surprises/disappointment from unmet expectations, limits confusion and conflict by describing how we relate to one another within the church.
- Provides a clear track for us to run on when conflict threatens to divide us, and they remind us how to move quickly toward reconciliation.
- Establishes guidelines for how RCC's leaders will counsel others, guard confidential information, and protect our children from abuse.
- Defines and limits the spiritual authority of church leaders and thereby ensure that all members are treated fairly.
- Reduces our church's exposure to legal liability by clearly establishing our relational practices and by affirming our mutual commitment to resolve conflict biblically.