



APPRENTICE GROUPS @ NLCC

5 COMMITMENTS

- **Grow Together:** Together we desire, aim and commit to grow as apprentices of Jesus.
- **Meet Together:** Except in emergencies, we will make every meeting we schedule together a priority.
- **Maintain Confidentiality:** We will be trustworthy for one another, never sharing with others the confidential things we discuss, unless we are given permission or it involves the potential harm of a vulnerable person.
- **Share Truthfully:** Seeking true self-awareness, we will trust each other with ourselves, sharing our worst parts just as much as our best parts.
- **Stand Guard for Each Other:** In a spirit of love, we give each other permission to give and receive encouragement, exhortation, and correction from one another.

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

Since we have last met...

1.Spiritual Vitality: John 15:4-5

- *In your regular time with God, what is one thing you heard from him, and how will you respond?*
- *Are your spiritual disciplines working to grow your love for God and others, joy in Christ, and dependence on the Spirit? What needs to change?*

2.Relationships: Romans 13:8

- *Is there any relationship in your life that needs attention or repair? What is your responsibility in connecting or making peace?*

3.Vulnerability: 1 Corinthians 10:13

- *When were you most vulnerable to discouragement, fatigue, despair, temptation (including sexual) and/or spiritual attack? What happened?*
- *What repentance and self-care is needed to find wholeness?*

4.Stewardship & Witness: Colossians 3:17

- *Are you stewarding time, talent, treasure, advantage and/or influence to reflect God's priorities? What needs to change?*
- *Have you been praying for, and engaging in, opportunities to share the gospel with someone who is new to Jesus?*

5.Pure Heart & Mind: Proverbs 4:23

- *Can you say that your thought life is pure, untainted by bitterness, lust, greed?*
- *Has your "shadow side" (character defects¹, escape, fantasies, drugs of choice², typical fears/prejudices, idolatrous motives) negatively influenced your decisions?*

6.Full Disclosure: Ephesians 4:25

- *Have you been completely honest with us? What else should be shared?*

7.Take-Away: Luke 8:15

- *What is the most important insight or revelation you're taking away from our conversation together? What are you going to do with it?*

¹ Defects of character are prevailing attitudes, inclinations, vulnerabilities, areas of brokenness that are the "root" cause of destructive and consequential sinful behaviours, e.g. blaming, judging, sarcasm. ([Freedom Session](#))

² Drugs of Choice are "things or behaviors we run to when life gets hard, e.g. food, affirmation, alcohol, sex, work, TV, etc." ([Freedom Session](#))

ON OUR KNEES

Using the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) as a guide, and based on what has come to the surface in your sharing together, lift one another to God in prayer.

WORSHIP

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Express your thanks and praise to your heavenly Father for his work in your lives.

PETITION

Your Kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

Invite God to be King in the various areas of your life, as well as for practical needs, people far from God, the church's mission and its leadership.

CONFESSION

And forgive us our debts,
as we also have
forgiven our debtors.

Repent of any sin, express forgiveness regarding any broken relationship, and ask for God's help in bringing reconciliation wherever it is needed.

ENGAGEMENT

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Ask God to lead, protect and heal you wherever it is needed. Give time to listen and respond to the Spirit's voice.

WORSHIP

For yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

Close by praising God for who he is, and for anticipated opportunities and answers to prayer.

APPRENTICE GROUP COVENANT Date: _____

To the best of our ability, we agree to uphold these commitments to one another, within the following parameters:

We will meet every _____ at ___:___ am/pm.

Location: _____

We will renew or revise our commitment to one another on this date: _____

Signed:

Name Phone _____

Email

Name Phone _____

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Name Phone _____

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