

# The Gospel in Context

## CREATING A COVENANT AROUND A SPECIFIC MISSION

### Gospel Community on Mission – Covenant Template

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#### WHO WE ARE IDENTITY

##### **Missionaries – We live actively as missionaries sent by Jesus to make disciples.**

*We believe we are sent to:*

- *Which PEOPLE group or groups are you focusing in your obedience to Jesus' commission to MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS? Where specifically are they located or living?*
- *What people group will you partner with internationally to support Church Planting elsewhere and how will you partner?*

##### **Family – We see it as our obligation to personally care for one another and those we are sent to.**

*We will:*

- *What actions should you engage in so that you are expressing your Gospel identity as Sons of God and brothers and sisters together?*
- *How will you insure that each of you is involved in regular accountability (DNA)?*
- *How will you commit to the "ONE ANOTHERS" that are key to be God's Family together?*
- *How will you extend the Family to those who are still "lost" or "far away" from the Father?*

##### **Servants – We eagerly serve our Missional Community and those we are sent to as a demonstration of the Gospel.**

*We are committed to serve by:*

- *What do you believe you are specifically called to do in light of our Servant identity to tangibly demonstrate the gospel to those whom God has sent you to?*
- *How might you also demonstrate the gospel to each other?*
- *What specific projects or events do you need to accomplish or get involved in to demonstrate the gospel to your community?*
- *What does GOOD NEWS look like to the people group you are sent to?*

##### **Learners – We take responsibility for our own discipleship and the discipleship of Others**

*We will devote ourselves to:*

- *In what ways do you all need to grow spiritually this year?*
- *In what ways will you help your MC become aware of their equipping needs*
- *In what areas do you need to be better equipped in so that you will be faithful in making disciples*
- *What specifically will you do to insure that the people you are sent to hear the gospel this year?*

## HOW WE LIVE RHYTHMS

### **Story-formed – We understand, experience and intersect with God’s Story.**

We will:

- *Where is your group at in terms of God’s Story? Do they know it?*
- *What should you commit to together so that you will be familiar with God’s Story?*
- *How will you get to know each other’s stories? The stories of those people included in your mission?*

### **Listen – We set aside regular times to listen to God both backward and forward.**

We will:

- *How will you commit to listening prayer together?*
- *What would it look like for the group and the individuals to see Listening to God as a weekly rhythm?*
- *What needs to be in place to help you with this?*

### **Celebrate – We regularly gather together to celebrate God’s extravagant blessing.**

We will:

- *Where are you publicly gathering and how often?*
- *In what ways will you intentionalize celebration together and around what?*
- *How will you engage in celebrating with the people group God is sending you to?*

### **Bless – We intentionally bless others through words, gifts or actions.**

We will:

- *How will you intentionally share what you have with each other and those in need?*
- *How will this get worked out in the context of your mission?*
- *How will this affect your giving – financially, physically, emotionally, etc...?*
- *What are some tangible ways you believe God has called your MC to bless others?*

### **Eat – We regularly eat meals with others to invite them into the community of God.**

We will:

- *How will you celebrate communion together?*
- *What meals will you share with each other?*
- *How will you invite others to the table with you?*
- *Where should you go to engage in “Gospel Eating” regularly?*

### **ReCreate – We take time to rest, play, create and restore beauty in order to reflect God to others.**

We will:

- *What regularly rhythms of ReCreating (Sabbath) will you commit together to?*
- *What needs beautifying or restoring in your mission focus?*
- *How might you demonstrate God’s creative beauty and restorative intent?*

As a follower of Jesus and a child of God I covenant with (THE NAME OF YOUR MISSIONAL COMMUNITY) to live these Gospel Identities and Rhythms in the above manner.

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Date

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