

SIX PURSUITS OF MISSION CHURCH



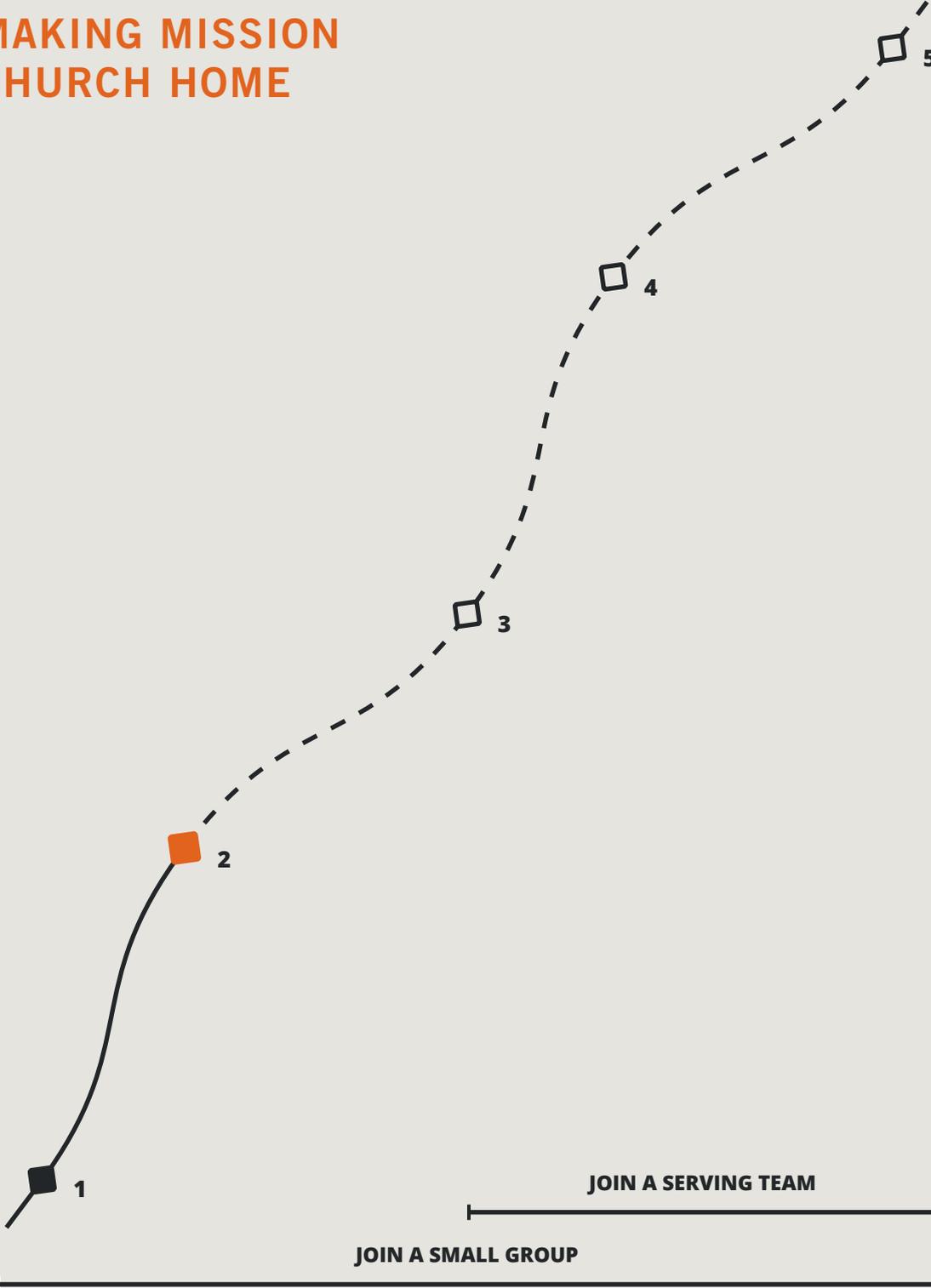
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MAKING MISSION CHURCH HOME



1 STARTED ATTENDING MISSION CHURCH

2 CONSIDER MISSION EVENT

3 CONNECT TO MISSION

- Apply for Associate Membership
- Meet with an Elder

4 COMMIT TO MISSION

- 4-week class

5 MEMBER

- Move towards leadership opportunities

A WEEK AT MISSION CHURCH

- Sunday Services
- Mission Kids
- Mission Students
- Discipleship classes
- Small groups

MISSION CHURCH PURSUITS



LOVED



**FERVENT
PRAYER**
*Dependent
and Expectant*



**BIBLICAL
PREACHING**
*Gospel-Centered
and Life-Changing*



**PASSIONATE
WORSHIP**
*In Spirit
and In Truth*

*Making Disciples
Who Live Loved and Sent
to the Glory of God.*



SENT



**PURPOSEFUL
DISCIPLESHIP
& CARE**

*Maturing
and Unifying*



**COURAGEOUS
EVANGELISM**

*In Word
and In Deed*



**STRATEGIC
CHURCH-PLANTING
& NETWORKING**

*Together and
Around the World*

YOU ARE LOVED

*Disciples who live
loved, love God
and love people*

JOHN 15:9

*⁹ As the Father has loved me, so
have I loved you. Abide in my love.*





FERVENT PRAYER

Dependent and Expectant

EPHESIANS 6:18

¹⁸ *praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*

DEPENDENT

Prayer Grounds Us in All We Do

- Mission Night of Worship
- Sunday morning prayer times
- Small groups
- Staff & elder prayer times
- Mission Kids
- Mission Students

EXPECTANT

Prayer Guides Us in All We Pursue

- Answers to prayer
- Guidance for major decisions
- Posture of prayer and fasting
- Real-life encounters with God
- Missional opportunities
- Greater gospel impact



BIBLICAL PREACHING

Gospel-Centered and Life-Changing

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

¹ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

GOSPEL-CENTERED

Preaching Declares God's Plan of Redemption

- Jesus is the prophesied Messiah.
- Jesus is the divine Son of God who came to earth as a sinless man.
- Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose from the grave on the third day.
- Jesus ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father as Lord of all.
- Jesus will come again to judge the earth, establish His kingdom, and reign forever.
- Those who embrace this message and repent will receive forgiveness of sin, the Holy Spirit as a pledge, and the assurance of eternal life.

(See full version in the Membership Commitments in the Other Resources packet)

LIFE-CHANGING

Preaching Delivers God's Truth for Transformation

HEBREWS 4:12

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

A Life of Worship

- Disciples of Jesus are to live for Christ.
- Disciples of Jesus are to be characterized by divine virtues.
- Disciples of Jesus are to order their households properly.
- Disciples of Jesus are to love and appreciate the role of the Church.
- Disciples of Jesus are to understand their giftedness and participate in the work of ministry.
- Disciples of Jesus are to pursue unity and peace within the church.
- Disciples of Jesus are to exhibit a fruitful witness in the community.
- Disciples of Jesus are to lead responsible, sober, and accountable lives.
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PASSIONATE WORSHIP

In Spirit and In Truth

JOHN 4:23-24

²³ *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*"

IN SPIRIT

EPHESIANS 5:19

¹⁹ *addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,*

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IN TRUTH

ROMANS 12:1-2

¹ *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

A Church of Worship

- Ordinances (Believer's Baptism, Lord's Supper)
- Individual
- Corporate
- Small groups
- Mission Night of Worship

YOU ARE SENT

*Disciples who live
sent, serve God
and serve people*

JOHN 20:21

²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”





PURPOSEFUL DISCIPLESHIP & CARE

Maturing and Unifying

EPHESIANS 4:11-16

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

MATURING AND UNIFYING

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HEBREWS 10:23-25

²³ Therefore, Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

As Disciples We...

- Live in groups
- Learn in classes
- Serve on teams
- Contribute as families

LIVE IN GROUPS

COLOSSIANS 2:6-8

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

Your Small Group Will...

CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS

Small groups must invest time and attention in each other's lives and strive to develop love and trustworthiness towards one another. Though Sunday mornings provide the opportunity to make acquaintances and casual friendships, it is within the small group that community is experienced at a deeper level.

DISTRIBUTE MINISTRY & CARE

A small group should provide appropriate care for the emotional, spiritual, and practical needs of one another. Our elders and staff could never minister to every individual need in the congregation, thus small groups provide an opportunity for the church community to minister to one another. This is best described in the "one another" passages of Scripture.

ENCOUNTER TRUTH

Small groups should strive to learn, live, and share the truth of God with one another. This should happen not only through proclamation but especially through application; because, as truth is put into action, it is encountered in an extraordinary way.

FOSTER MATURITY

Small groups should strive to see each member participate in and experience life-change. The goal is to provide one another with the motivation and accountability that each need to become a person of maturity.

PROMOTE MULTIPLICATION

Small groups must recognize that the health of the group will show itself in its ability to reproduce a new group within eighteen months of its start. The healthy reproduction of each leader and group allows for others to experience the joy of biblical community.

LEARN IN CLASSES

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Classes at Mission Church Will...

- Equip you as a disciple
- Establish your kid's foundation
- Expand your student's understanding
- Encourage leadership development
- Enlist ministers for service

SERVE ON TEAMS

EPHESIANS 2:10

¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

1 PETER 4:10-11

¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:
¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies— in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Your Serving Team Will...

- Exercise your spiritual gift
- Enable you to practically serve God and others
- Empower you to contribute to the mission of Christ
- Engage you with like-minded people

CONTRIBUTE AS FAMILIES

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-9

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

Contributing as Families Will...

- Flow from hearts of grace
- Fill our hearts with joy
- Further the life-changing mission of God
- Free us to do great things for God

Giving Options

MOBILE APP

The Mission Church mobile app allows you to give from your phone or tablet. The app can be downloaded from the App Store, Google Play Store, or Amazon Store by searching for "Mission Church."

WEBSITE

Visit mission-church.com/give to contribute online.

GIVING ENVELOPES

Used for cash or check donations. Once envelopes are requested you will be assigned a unique Giving ID that will be used to track your giving. You will be mailed a set of giving envelopes for your contributions that you can bring on Sundays and drop in one of our offering boxes.

MAIL

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COURAGEOUS EVANGELISM

In Word and In Deed

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

IN WORD

Evangelism is Shared by Speaking the Gospel

COLOSSIANS 2:4-6

⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. ⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,

IN DEED

Evangelism is Shown by the Way We Live Our Lives

MATTHEW 5:16

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

1 PETER 3:15

¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,



STRATEGIC CHURCH-PLANTING & NETWORKING

Together and Around the World

ROMANS 15:18-21

¹⁸ For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, ¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; ²⁰ and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, ²¹ but as it is written,

*“Those who have never been told of him will see,
and those who have never heard will understand.”*

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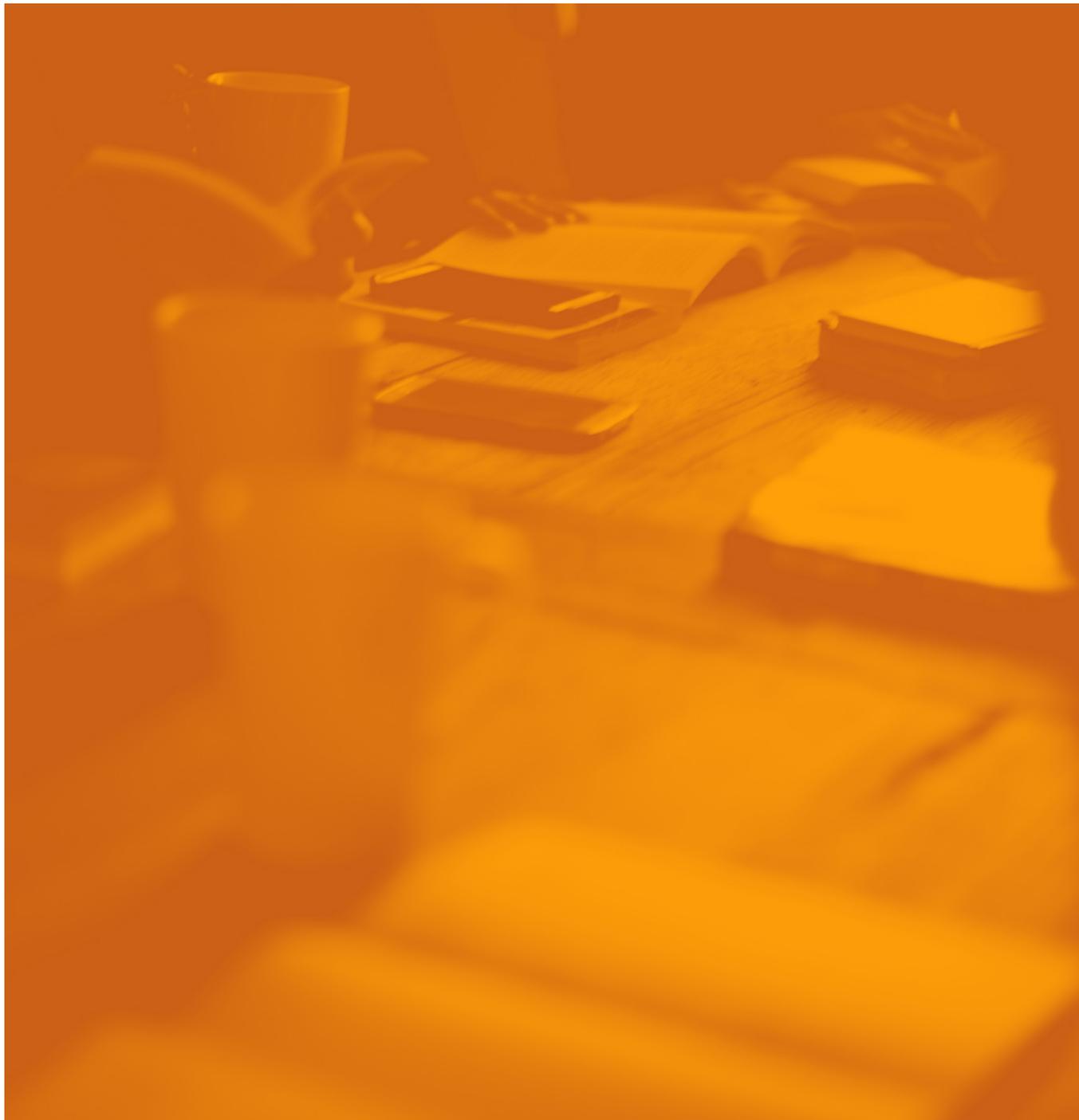
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CULTURAL PRINCIPLES



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Elders' Core Tasks

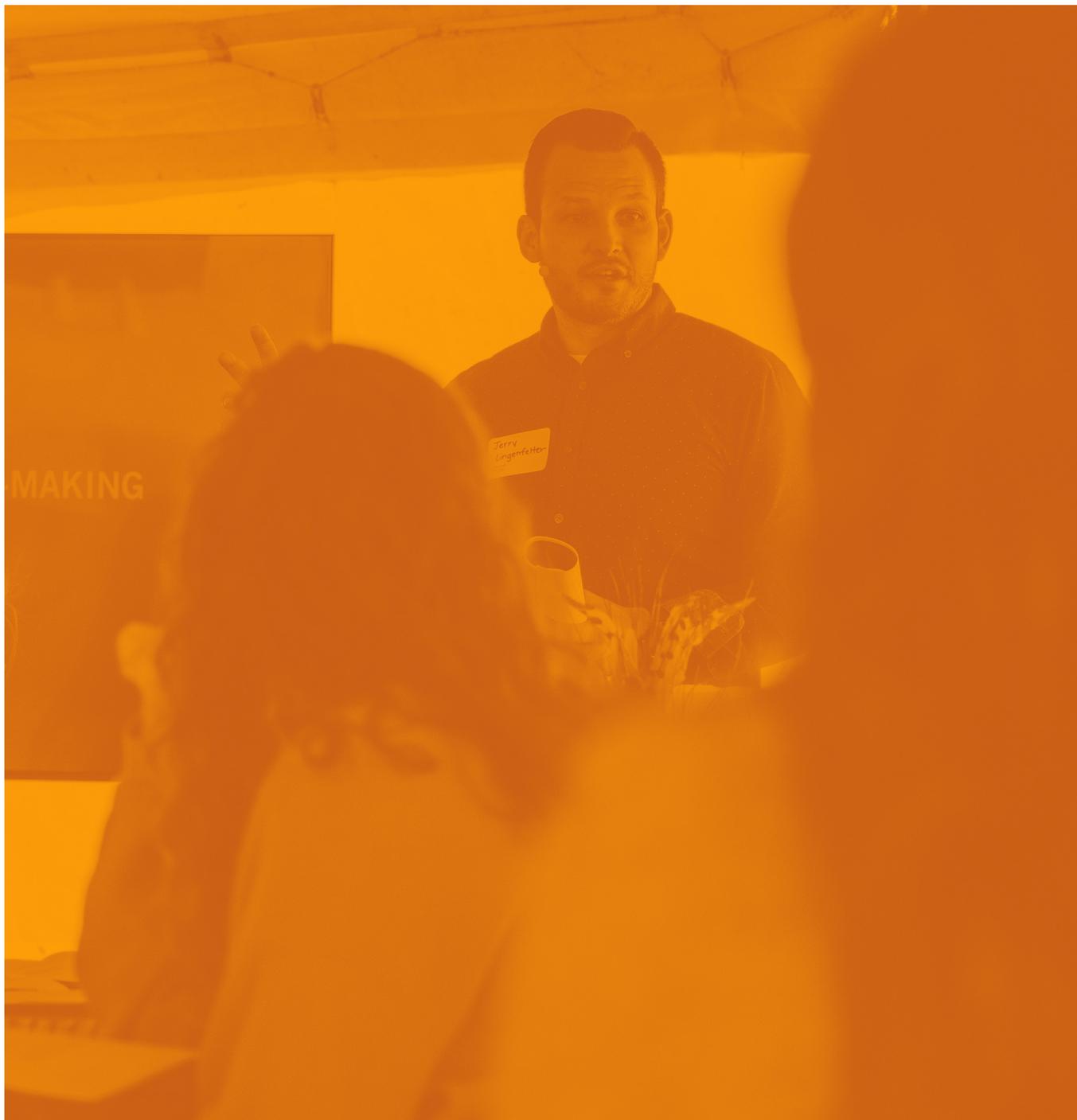
- **SHEPHERD** Care for the church
- **STRENGTHEN** Able to teach, refute false teaching, and discipline
- **SHIELD** Protect the church
- **STEWARD** Oversee and manage the practical and material affairs of the church
- **SEND** Confirm ministers of the gospel, receive reports from them, and provide financially for the mission and mobile leaders

COMPLEMENTARY LEADERSHIP

CHURCH DISCIPLINE AND RESTORATION

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

MEMBERSHIP AT MISSION CHURCH



MEMBERSHIP IN THE EARLY CHURCH

ACTS 2:47

⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

ACTS 5:14

¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

ACTS 6:1

¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

Membership is...

- A mutual commitment by the church and the Christian to each other
- A point of accountability
- A place of protection
- A way to identify the core of a church

BECOMING A MEMBER

Begin as an Associate Member

- Must be born-again Christian
- Be baptized as a believer
- Attend Consider Mission
- Submit Associate Membership application
- Commit to elder leadership
- Be interviewed by an elder

Complete the Membership Process

- Attend as an Associate Member for 3 months
- Faithfully attend a small group
- Faithfully serve on a team
- Attend Commit to Mission class
- Faithfully support the church through giving
- Support & attend church functions
- Agree to Membership Commitments

For the purpose of shepherding and care, leadership annually reviews and renews the membership role.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENTS

We Commit to the Mission

- We love to participate in the spreading of the gospel, the strengthening of Christians, and the multiplying of churches.

We Commit to Maturity

- We strive to grow together in our relationship with Christ through Bible study, prayer, corporate worship, fellowship, and small group.

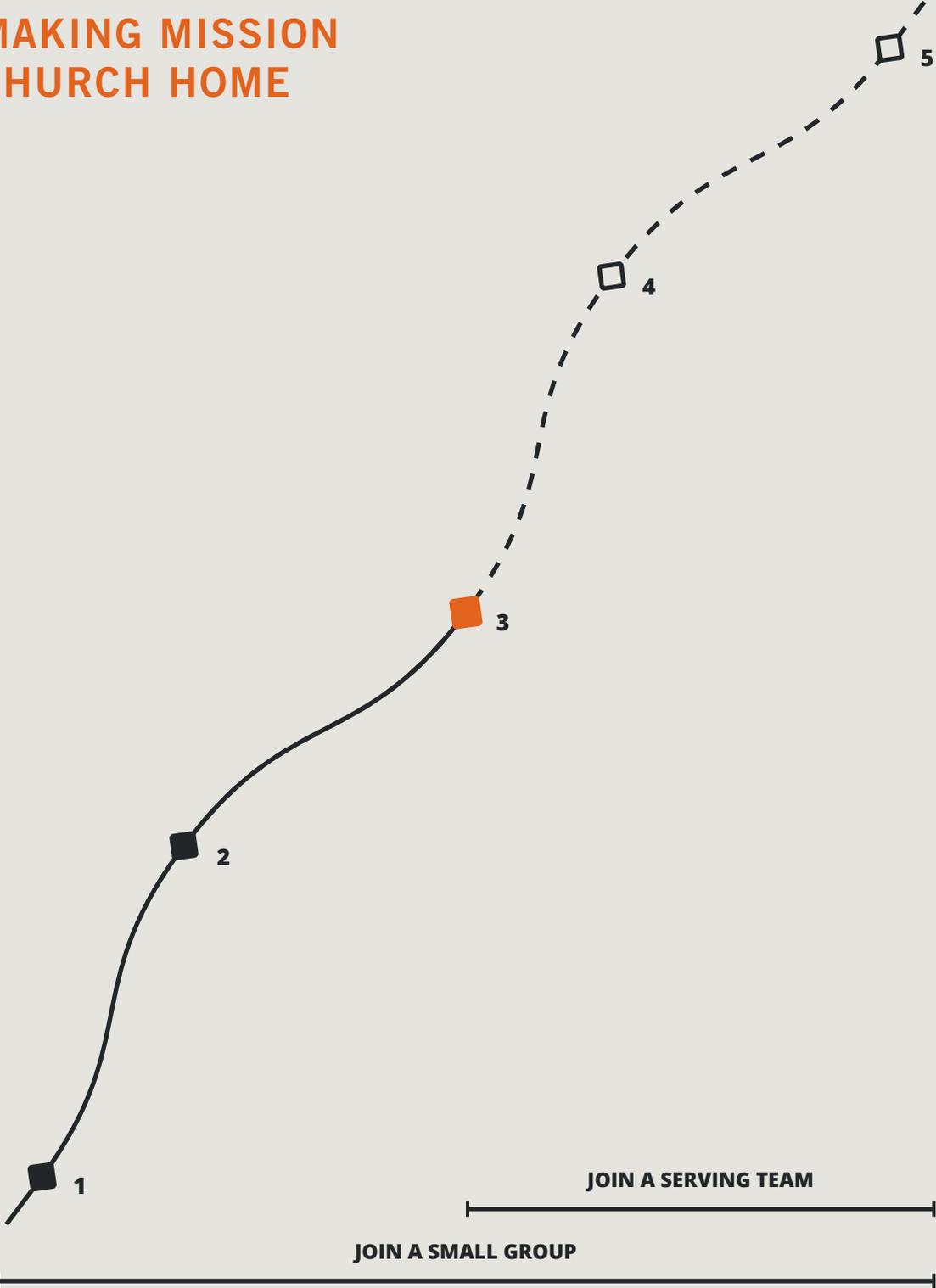
We Commit to Ministry

- We respect one another's giftedness and are eager to participate in the equipping of the Church for the sake of unity in the gospel.

We Commit to Multiplication

- We desire to be generous with our time, talents, and treasure for the progress of the gospel and will seek to prayerfully support the elders as they lead our church family in honoring Christ.

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MISSION RESOURCES

Mission Church App

- An interactive tool to help you stay connected and updated. You'll find Sunday Resources, sermon notes, sign ups, next steps, and more. Download at mission-church.com/app.

Website

- An informational resource about Mission Church and how to get connected. Visit us at mission-church.com.

Store

- Represent your church in the community with some Mission Church swag! The store has t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and more. Grab some merch at mission-church.com/store.

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