



# Launch Team Covenant

Helping to launch a church is one of the most significant ways one can invest their life in the mission of God. It is a commitment that must not be taken lightly. The team's leadership desires that everyone who commits to our efforts fully understands what is expected of them.

We are asking for a two year commitment (beginning January 2011), excluding extenuating circumstances that must be discussed with the team's leadership before any decisions are made. This covenant details the nature of this commitment, as well as the responsibilities of every member of the Launch Team for the Denver church plant of the Summit Church. These are structured around the Summit Church's three core values: Love God, Love Each Other, and Love our World.

## **Love God**

Our foundation is the gospel - it is the principle doctrine of the faith that both reconciles us to God and helps us to grow in our relationship with Him. Therefore:

- We are committed to the true, biblical Gospel (1 Cor. 15, Jude 3, 2 Tim. 3:16).
  - o I affirm the inerrancy and sufficiency of the Bible, its centrality to the church's mission, and the need to submit to its teaching in all matters of life.
- We are committed to knowing the gospel with excellence, and living out its implications in everyday life (1 Pet. 3:15, Gal. 2:14).
  - o I affirm my responsibility to grow in Christ and his gospel through the consistent practice of spiritual disciplines.

## **Love Each Other**

The gospel creates community – we are committed to living life together, challenging one another to grow in Christ. Therefore:

- We are committed to a disciplined, regenerate team (Rom. 12:5, 1 Pet. 2:4-5, Matt. 18:15-20)
  - o I affirm my new birth in Christ, and my responsibility to live consistently with this through obedience to his commands.
- We are committed to a unified team (Phil 2:1-11, Rom. 12:3-8, Heb. 10:24-25).
  - o I affirm that I will protect the team's unity, and will not undermine the mission with my actions or words.
  - o I affirm that because we are members of one body, we will share life together in a way that models and contextualizes the implications of the gospel.



- I affirm that I agree with the essential doctrines of the faith as laid out by our elders. For the sake of unity, I will submit my personal beliefs in non-essential doctrines to the beliefs of the church where they differ.
- We are committed to biblically ordered team (1 Tim. 3:1-13).
  - I affirm that I will follow the leadership and vision of the team’s leadership, as well as our sending church, The Summit.
  - I affirm that my role is exclusively to be a team member. I deny any expectation that I will receive pay or a staff position from the church now or anytime in the future.

**Love Our World**

Our community is missional – we exist not for ourselves but rather for the joy of others, as we strive to be a well-equipped community of missionaries that reaches our city and world with the gospel. Therefore:

- We are committed to God’s glory as our chief end (1 Cor. 10:31).
  - I affirm that my preferences, needs, and desires are secondary to the mission and vision of the church.
  - I affirm that we are God’s church and not our own. Therefore, my priority is not building a monolithic, self-serving church, but rather a church that prioritizes church planting, mission, and reproduction.
- We are committed to giving generously to the mission, and living sacrificially for its progress (2 Cor. 8:9).
  - I affirm that I will give my time, resources, and money in a sacrificial manner consistent with the gospel.
- We are committed to every member as a missionary (2 Cor. 5:20, 2 Tim. 2:2).
  - I affirm my responsibility to evangelize and make disciples who can make disciples. This is as much my responsibility as it is the church’s leaders.
  - I affirm I will pray regularly for the city of Denver and for the launch and establishment of Summit’s church plant in Denver.

Before God, I affirm by signing this covenant that I agree with everything stated above. I have communicated concerns and reservations to the team’s leaders. Also, I understand that failure to live consistently and in line with this covenant will require evaluation by the team’s leadership and The Summit Church.

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Team Member Signature

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Date

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Leadership Signature

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