

The Gap Series
“Tell”

For the week beginning 1.30.12

Can you think of the most contemporary way for the average “Joe” to share something with a ton of people all at one time? Years ago, the first thought that would likely pop into our mind would be radio, newspaper or, if you were the “Joe” who had tons of cash, perhaps television. But, who has that kind of cash stashed away (well, perhaps the Financial Peace University graduates)?

No, this electronic communication vehicle allows you to reach out and touch upwards of 150, 300, and even 3,000 (if you are Kyle Gray) close friends, acquaintances, and admirers who will likely listen to your daily ramblings. All you have to do is write a post and click to send. You guessed it, Facebook! Check out these fun Facebook facts:

1. There are more than 800 million active users.
2. More than 50% of active users log on to Facebook in any given day (even at work!).
3. An average user has 130 friends (... obviously not Kyle Gray).
4. An average user is connected to 80 community pages, groups and events.
5. More than 350 million users access Facebook through their mobile phone.

You probably know by now where we are going. Here’s the deal; If you are looking for a way to tell the world about Christ, Facebook is a great way to do it. CedarCreek figured that out with its 6,815 followers. Think we’ll meet our vision with that many followers? We think so! Combine that with our use of technology like the iCampus and iChat, and you can see how we can truly live out our mission and vision here and abroad. Our vision is to be a contemporary church for the unchurched and spiritually restless, starting in Perrysburg and reaching out to the Greater Toledo area, helping people to love Jesus, serve others, and tell the **world** about Christ, and then multiplying our efforts through new church plants.

Of course, we realize that we cannot fulfill Christ’s mission as individuals. Jesus himself organized the Church to represent his hands, feet, and presence to the world. That’s why we desire to become a Biblically functioning community furthering his kingdom in obedience to the Great Commission. Because Jesus came to seek and save the lost, we feel compelled to do the same. Through all of the ministries and sub-ministries of our church, we desire people not only to meet Christ, but also, over time, to grow in their faith so that they live obediently to his commands and become conformed to his character.

That is our vision! Can you see this unfolding? Are you on board? While we are not requiring that you sign-up as a Facebook user we truly would like you to live out the Great Commission, telling people about Christ *everywhere*! This Bible study will provide some Biblically helpful tips to carry out our vision. You’ll also have the opportunity to complete the “Tell” portion of Missional Membership on page 6-9, complete the personal response questions, and take that final step to commit to becoming a Missional Member. Be sure to tell others what you learn.

Tell It!

Who: Those who don’t know Christ

What: That everyone needs him

When: At every opportunity

Where: Everywhere

How: Facebook? Invite card ...etc.

Next: Teach and train them!

IN THIS WEEK’S STUDY WE’LL FILL IN THE GAP ON HOW TO LIVE A FULL LIFE BY TELLING THE WORLD ABOUT CHRIST!

MONDAY — Do You Really Know Him?

Big Point: *Our duty is to wholeheartedly fall in love with Christ and to share everything we know about him with others.*

Earlier we spoke about the average “Joe” telling the world about Christ. Well, you can’t get more average than author James Bryan Smith when he was in high school. In his book, “Good and Beautiful God.” Smith talks about his early days coming from a Christmas-and-Easter only Methodist family. At that time he liked sports, pretty girls and Jesus—in that order. He shared how average he was academically, graduating three hundredth out of six hundred. But something marvelous happened when Smith entered college—Jesus began moving up the “priority” list and he decided to transfer to a Christian college. As Christ became a priority, Smith began encountering mentors and fell deeply in love with the God that Jesus knows. He writes about mentors like Richard J. Foster, author of the most significant Christian book “Celebration of Discipline;” Henri Nouwen, a great spiritual writer; Richard Mullens, songwriter and recording artist of “Awesome God” and “Step by Step.” Eventually, Smith and Foster launched a spiritual renewal ministry called *Renevare* and began traveling around the world telling people how to live a deeper, more balanced life with God. Through Smith’s travels, he met Dr. Dallas Willard, author of the book “Divine Conspiracy” and philosophy professor at University of Southern California. Smith spent over seven hundred hours listening to Willard teach about God, the Kingdom of God, the Bible, the spiritual disciplines and how they apply to life in general. That’s a lot of hours.

Eventually, Smith created a curriculum that teaches people around the country to live as Jesus taught us to live and that genuine transformation into the character of Christ really is possible. Are you interested in living this way? The more you learn about God, the more genuine you are in sharing about Him. Well, we have **GREAT NEWS**, James Bryan Smith is coming to CedarCreek church on March 1st and 2nd to conduct the Apprenticeship Conference—learn more below!

READ and THINK ... Find the Answers in the Bible

1. Have you ever blotted out something that stained a piece of clothing? It’s as if the stain was never there. Christ does the same for us as outlined in the scripture below. Describe in your own words what is happening here:

2 Corinthians 5:19 (New Living Translation)

For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

Answer:

2. Matthew 28:19 describes how we can best symbolize our submission to Christ and our willingness to live God’s way, and how we can identify ourselves with God’s covenant. Write out what that symbol is and what command the scripture tells us to do.

Matthew 28:19 (New Living Translation)

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Answer:

3. One of the most popular quoted scriptures has to be John 3:16. Have you ever truly examined this type of love and what eternal life means in this passage? If you read closely, you'll see love that equals a high degree of self-sacrifice. Describe the sacrifice outlined in this scripture and what eternal life means to you:

John 3:16 (New Living Translation)

For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Answer:

LIVE...What will you do now?

Have you ever considered it your life's work to learn about Christ? If not, why not?

Have you ever counted the hours that you have learned about Christ? Some can point to hours spent in a Life Group or in their own personal study. But most can likely point solely to the weekend message. Sadly, that's just not enough. Try to review the past twenty years of your life and jot down the hours that you have spent learning about Christ. Hours:

- During the day:
- During the week:
- During the month:
- Average yearly hours:

Let's start doing the work that Christ asks us to do. Be his apprentice, disciple others. Ready? Write out how you will start the process. Here, we'll

help you take one step. Read the above box quote and signup for the Apprentice Conference. Go to cedarcreek.tv under the get connected tab to learn more.

The Apprentice Conference

When:

Thu, March 1st (6:30-9p) - \$10

Fri, March 2nd (8:30-3p) - \$10

\$20.00 for both—lunch Friday.

Where:

Perrysburg Campus

For Who:

Everyone who wants to learn to be Christ's Apprentice!

How to Sign-up:

Complete the weekend message insert and drop off at the Welcome Center or at www.cedarcreek.tv under the get connected tab.

PRAY...God, What do you want me to know & do?

Ask God to make you a sponge, soaking up every morsel of His Word so that you know everything about Him and can become His Apprentice, His disciple, telling everyone about the Christ.

TUESDAY — We've All Blown It!

Big Point: *Sin has a way of knocking us off our pedestal of pride that fakes us into believing that we are perfect prized possessions—it's only when we choose to accept Christ's free gift that we can live wisely and have eternal life!*

Once we start believing that humans are infallible, that's where the trouble starts. The media can almost mesmerize us into thinking that those who do great things are beyond reproach, that they are quite simply anointed and appointed in a manner that we could never ever dream for ourselves. Think about the most noble, most upstanding person that you respect—whether that be a public figure, a close personal friend, a mentor, or even those who have been appointed as a saint. Do you realize they have all sinned and fallen short of God's glorious standard? All of them! But when one of those public figures has one blemish, one stain that media can exploit, oh man, they just go for the jugular, don't they? We always see it in politics, one after another, folks like Herman Cain just bite the dust. Think about the most recent controversial story of Joe Paterno. Now that brought out quite a few emotions, from Christian and non-Christians alike. The question is, who decides whether these people can be made right by God? Is it us, or is it God? And by the same token, how are we to respond when the figurative "media-stoning" begins—when someone's sin is written on the front page of the New York Times? Should we go ahead and cast our own stones?

We spoke of Facebook earlier, and it is so easy to cast stones at someone as we sit behind our computer screens. But even then, the scriptures still apply, that if even the most heinous or the most noteworthy person confesses with their mouth that Jesus is Lord and believes in their heart, they are made right by God. And we are to live wisely among non-believers, making the most of every opportunity, even with the Joe Paterno incident, allowing our conversation to be gracious and attractive—yes, even on Facebook (now, don't go cancelling your Facebook account, we won't judge you!)

READ and THINK...Find Answers in the Bible

1. The scriptures below talk about who has sinned and what price tag that sin has. But what does the free gift of God allow? Write out your answer after reading the scripture below:

Romans 3:23 (New Living Translation)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23 (New Living Translation)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Answer:

2. God requires us to take some action when we receive this free gift of salvation. We can't just have a conscious thought that this all seems good and right. We have to take some concrete steps. Write out what those steps are as outlined in Romans 10:9-10.

Romans 10:9-10 (New Living Translation)

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Answer:

3. If you are like most people, when you are around non-believers, you sometimes just want to fit in, be like everyone else and kind of go with the crowd. Some of us can relate to Peter who did not want to admit he was a Christ follower as there would have been some serious repercussions. But, Colossians 4:5,6 issues a challenge to us—write out those challenges in the space below. What ultimately is this passage preparing us to do?

Colossians 4:5-6 (New Living Translation)

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Answer:

LIVE...What will you do now?

Think back to some of the “media-stonings” that you’ve witnessed in the past. How often did you say to yourself “oh, too bad for that guy” or, “it stinks to be him or her.” Perhaps you just thought it. At anytime, did the scripture passages that we just reviewed in Romans come to mind at all? Describe the thoughts you had and how you can mentally process those incidences in the future.

How comfortable are you as a Christian when you are around non-believers? Do you ever struggle with knowing when to say things and when not to say things? Describe what your typical response is when you find yourself in an awkward situation.

What steps can you take to begin to live wisely so that your conversation is gracious and attractive? Did you sign up for the Apprentice Conference yet? Perhaps a New Christian Life Group would help. What will you do?

PRAY...God, What do you want me to know & do?

Take the time right now to enter into a state of worshipping God. Turn on some Christian music—something that really touches your heart and begin to think about your own salvation. Praise him for washing your sins away. Ask Him to help you live wisely by making your conversation gracious and attractive.

WEDNESDAY — Our Dream!

Big Point: *Be an effective ambassador for Christ by living CedarCreek’s dream and we’ll rejoice together when others get to know Christ!*

On page 10, see the Response Questions for “Tell” in order to complete the Commitment portion of the Missional Membership Process.

Last week we celebrated Martin Luther King Day ... many of you recalled the memorable “I Have A Dream” speech that he gave at the base of the Lincoln Memorial years ago. The words are familiar to many, yet the dream is sadly, in some places, still just a dream. One hundred years earlier, President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which announced, “All persons held as slaves...shall be then, thenceforth, and forever free.” King, on that day in August 1963, once again called people back to live out that proclamation and looked forward to a time when that dream would become reality; “When the nation would live out the true meaning of its creed, that all men are created equal; that one day people would be judged, not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.” On that day, he called people to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that one day they would be free at last. This speech became the launching pad for many organizations that continued to fight for freedom long after King’s death.

Jesus Christ also has a dream. The dream is recorded in the Bible a number of times, but is articulated most clearly in Matthew 28:19-20, “...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” It is called the Great Commission, and it is the reason behind everything we do at CedarCreek.

*At CedarCreek, everything we do is designed to fulfill the dream Jesus has for the world. Our Vision, Core Values, strategy, ministries, etc. even our membership process are designed to help unchurched people meet the loving God of the Bible, to begin a relationship with Him, become conformed to His character and then grow in obedience to all that He has asked us to do. This is the reason we work together, pray together, struggle together. It is the reason that we exist—**IT’S OUR DREAM!***

READ and THINK ... Find the Answers in the Bible

Motivation to Reach the World

1. In Acts 1:6-8, Jesus makes it clear that God plans to use His followers to spread the message of salvation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 says that the reason we were brought into God’s family is so that we could help bring others to Him. Read these two passages. How do you feel knowing that God’s plan to reach the world involves you being His messenger?

Acts 1:6-8 (New Living Translation)

⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” ⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (New Living Translation)

What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!

¹⁸All this newness of life is from God, who brought us back to himself through what Christ did. And God has given us the task of reconciling people to him.

¹⁹For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others. ²⁰We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, Be reconciled to God!²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Answer:

- Another motivating force for becoming an effective ambassador for Christ is the reality of hell. Even though you may hate to think about it, hell is a real place and real people go there. There are many people in your life who will face a Christ-less eternity if they don't find forgiveness in Christ. The stakes are "sky high" and eternity is hanging in the balance. As you read the following two passages about hell from the Bible, what things do you learn about hell and what feelings do you experience? (See also Luke 16:24, Luke 13:28, Revelation 14:10-11, Revelation 20:10, and Revelation 21:8)

Matthew 13:41-42 (New Living Translation)

I, the Son of Man, will send my angels, and they will remove from my Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil,⁴² they will throw them into the furnace and burn them. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Revelation 20:15 (New Living Translation)

And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Answer:

- Does the reality of hell motivate you to share your faith? If so, how? If not, why do you think it has no motivational power on you?

A third, more positive motivating force for becoming an effective ambassador for Christ is the joyous celebration that occurs when someone comes to know Christ as their Lord and Savior. Just imagine what it would be like—what an incredible thrill you would have—if someone you had been praying for looked you in the eye and said to you, "Thanks for being faithful to what God called you to do. Thanks for reaching out to me. Thanks for praying for me. Thanks for putting up with my rebellion. Thanks for loving me when I wasn't all that loveable. Jesus saved me, but thanks for leading me to his cross." Once you have led a spiritual seeker into a right relationship with God through Christ, you will never be the same. The passion to reach out grows each time you experience the joy of seeing a seeker become a devoted follower of Christ. Absolutely nothing compares!

PRAY...God, What do you want me to know & do?

Ask God to help you stay motivated to reach out and tell the World about Christ!

THURSDAY — Only Through Him!

Big Point: *Allow the Holy Spirit to work through you to share the Gospel with others and leave the rest to God.*

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Christ-followers realize that they have been commissioned by the Lord Himself to spread the Good News of Jesus and his death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. Each follower has the responsibility to pray for lost people, reach out to them, and then share a verbal witness of what Christ has done.

We are well aware of the lack of Christian witnessing that goes on in the church at large, so we have created an environment that is conducive to allowing unchurched spiritual seekers to come and investigate the claims of Christ at their own pace. We put large amounts of time, talents, and financial resources toward attracting these “seekers” to church. Each Christ-follower plays an important part in our strategy to win these “seekers” to Christ. By serving during our services and inviting friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members, the members of our church “team up” to spread the Gospel.

We encourage you to attend campus evangelism seminars designed to help you become more confident in sharing the love of Christ with your friends and family through your actions and words.

READ and THINK...Find Answers in the Bible

Share the Gospel with People

1. Making connections may be one of the big obstacles that you are facing in becoming involved in the Great Commission. It is sometimes difficult to find the time and energy to build new relationships. Still, to fulfill the Great Commission, we have to expend the energy to build these new friendships and then let people know what Christ has done on their behalf. For some reason, this scares people. It shouldn't! It should be the natural outcome of a life of full devotion to Christ. If we don't open our mouths and verbally share the Gospel message with those who need to hear it, all our other efforts are worthless. Read Romans 10:14-17 and determine why actually sharing the message of Christ, not just living a good life in front of others, is absolutely necessary to see people come to know Christ.

Romans 10:14-17 (New Living Translation)

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” ¹⁶But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, “Lord, who has believed our message? ¹⁷Yet faith comes from listening to this message of good news the Good News about Christ.

Answer:

2. Understanding the message of the Gospel is the first step in telling others. Read each passage below and paraphrase the important points that each one has to teach us about the Gospel message. (See also John 3:3, Romans 3:9-18, Titus 3:5-7, 1 John 5:11-12, and Revelation 3:20)

John 1:12 (New Living Translation)

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

Paraphrased Answer:

John 14:6 (New Living Translation)

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

Paraphrased Answer:

Acts 4:12 (New Living Translation)

There is salvation in no one else! There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them.

Paraphrased Answer:

Romans 3:23 (New Living Translation)

For all have sinned; all fall short of God’s glorious standard.

Paraphrased Answer:

Romans 6:23 (New Living Translation)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Paraphrased Answer:

Romans 10:9-10 (New Living Translation)

For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Paraphrased Answer:

Ephesians 2:8-9 (New Living Translation)

God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Paraphrased Answer:

PRAY...God, What do you want me to know & do?

Ask God to help you be the disciple that has the right words to say and knows when to say them.

Personal Evangelism

Many misconceptions surround personal evangelism. Some people believe that living a consistent Christian life is, by itself, enough to fulfill God’s requirement. Others badger and cajole people with God’s message so brutally that they turn people off to our loving God. Success in personal evangelism is simply taking the initiative to share the Gospel message on an ongoing basis in the power of the Holy Spirit, and leaving the results to God. If you will faithfully do this, you will consistently be filled with joy as you lead person after person to Christ.

FRIDAY — Complete the Personal Response questions below regarding CedarCreek's mission, vision, statement of faith and telling the world about Christ:

1. Do you affirm the specific mission and objectives of CedarCreek? If not, what aspects are you unable to affirm and embrace?
2. Do you agree with CedarCreek's overall strategy of reaching out to unchurched people in as many creative ways as possible? Will you support these practices and seek to build relationships with unchurched people in order to share your faith in Christ with them?
3. Do you pledge your cooperation to the elders of the church and those in leadership positions? If not, why?
4. The CedarCreek Statement of Faith summarizes the basic truths of Scripture. Do you wholeheartedly affirm that statement? If not, what are your specific reservations?
5. Will you refrain from promoting doctrines not found in our Statement of Faith in ways that cause dissension?
6. Why do you think the Bible is so passionate about its message not to cause divisions or factions in a church?
7. Knowing what the Bible says about God, about human nature, about Christ's actions, and about each person's need for forgiveness, write out a concise presentation of the Gospel message. If it helps you, imagine you are sitting in front of a friend who needs to hear about Christ.
8. Do you presently have a specific group of people that you are actively praying for, and connecting with, for the purpose of sharing the Gospel with them?
9. Create an Impact List—list the first names of four or five people that you will be actively praying for and connecting with in order to share Christ.
10. How can you fulfill your role as an ambassador for Christ?

11. Most people struggle to develop practical ways to share their faith. Have you participated in any evangelism training seminar, either at CedarCreek or anywhere else?

Complete the Membership Process:

Option 1: Commitment Day and Interview.

Commitment Day is Saturday, February 4th from 9-11am at all campuses. You can sign-up for Commitment Day by going to cedarcreek.tv under the “get connected” tab and choose which campus you would like to attend. There you can have a confirmation interview to affirm your commitments, accurately assess the condition of your spiritual life, and plan where you’d like to go next. This step of missional membership may seem a little scary because of its emphasis on vulnerability, but it is highly beneficial because it offers both clarification of what’s going on and accountability to affect changes for the better. Perhaps at this stage more than any other, we stop “playing church” and get about the business of seeing ourselves in the holy light of Christ’s love with the caring support of a member of His body. This is loving, honest, Holy Spirit-infused fellowship at its best.

The person who conducts Commitment Day and your interview is trained to facilitate your meeting. As you talk, you will both decide whether you should be confirmed as a missional member. Typically, if you think you’re ready, so will your interviewer. If you sense that there are problems, the interviewer is there to help.

In some rare cases, the interviewer may want to “press the pause button” and wait on your missional membership until some issue is addressed. It is important for you to know that your interviewer cannot stop your membership process without involving a staff member or elder. If a problem does arise—especially if the two of you disagree about anything you’ve discussed related to whether or not you should be confirmed—a staff member or elder must be called in for a follow-up meeting. Again, the whole purpose is to address issues and move forward—not to shame you or hold you back in your spiritual progress.

Option 2: Missional Membership Commitment Form

If you choose you can complete your membership by filling out the form on pages 12 and 13, which include multiple choice questions which cover the essential points discussed in the interview. Once you complete it, you can give it to the Spiritual Formation pastor at your campus, or drop it off at any Welcome Center. The form will be reviewed by the Spiritual Formation team at your campus, and they will contact you within a week with any questions or concerns they might have. Once any concerns are satisfied, you’ll be informed of your member status.

Weekend Update!

- **Learn How God has Uniquely Designed You:** Sign-up to attend the Discover Your Purpose class starting Monday, February 6th at the South Toledo, West Toledo and Whitehouse campuses, and Monday, February 13th at Perrysburg. Go to cedarcreek.tv under the get connected tab.
- **Tell and invite someone to the February Series on “God”:** Invite someone to learn about who God is throughout the entire February series!

****Please read and complete the Statement of Commitment below and tear this sheet out of this study, along with the completed Missional Membership Commitment (page, 13) and drop it off at the Welcome Center.**

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT: I hereby affirm that I have completed the personal study materials and filled out the Personal Responses and Affirmations. I commit myself to the vision and values of CedarCreek Church, specifically, to love Jesus, serve others, and tell the world about Christ. I now desire to be confirmed as a missional member. I also authorize the church to store and use the information I've provided below.

Signature

Date

Please print all information below:

Last name _____ First name _____ MI _____

Nickname _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Email Address: _____

Sex: Male _____ Female _____ Birth date _____

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

The month/year I started attending CedarCreek _____ / _____

My home campus is: PB _____ WTol _____ WH _____ STol _____

Before coming to CedarCreek, I was a born-again Christian: Yes: _____ No _____

The month/year I was baptized: _____ / _____

I now serve in the following ministry area(s):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

My ministry team leader is: _____

My spiritual gifts are:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Spouse's name if married _____

Is spouse a member? Yes _____ No _____

Your Occupation _____

Before CedarCreek, I was active in another church: Yes _____ No _____

Name of the church I did attend: _____

I am in a CedarCreek Life Group: Yes _____ No _____

My Life Group Leader(s) _____

**** Please read the Missional Membership Commitment below and tear this sheet out, along with the Statement of Commitment (page 12) and drop it off at the Welcome Center.**

Missional Membership Commitment

- ◇ I regularly attend CedarCreek Church as my primary place of worship.
- ◇ I have read the Missional Membership manual and have completed all the personal response questions.

Baptism (please check the appropriate responses)

- ◇ I have been baptized since accepting Christ as my Savior. Approximate date _____.
- ◇ I have not been baptized but will do so at the next baptism service at my campus.
- ◇ I was baptized as an infant or young child, but not since coming to Christ.
- ◇ I would like to talk to someone about this.

Relationship issues (please check the appropriate responses)

- ◇ I have found forgiveness in Christ, and have extended forgiveness to the people in my life.
- ◇ I still need to resolve some conflict in my relationships, but I am committed to doing what I can do to reconcile.
- ◇ I find myself unable to forgive some people who have hurt me, but I would like help to get started on this difficult process.
- ◇ There are no on-going patterns of sin in my life that I am not willing to turn from and/or yield to Christ, i.e. sexual activity outside my marriage relationship, addictions (such as to drugs, alcohol, pornography, gambling, food, video games, etc.), lying, stealing, gossiping, coarse language, prejudice.
- ◇ I would like to talk with someone about this.

Evangelism (please check the appropriate responses)

- ◇ I have some people I am currently praying for the opportunity to share the gospel with or to invite to church.
- ◇ I plan on taking an evangelism class so I can be comfortable sharing my faith.
- ◇ I would like to talk about someone about this.

Tithing (please check the appropriate response)

- ◇ I give 10% or more of my income to the ministry of CedarCreek Church.
- ◇ I have calculated 10% of my income and am committed to consistently increasing my giving with a goal of a full tithe over the next 12 months.
- ◇ I am unable to consistently give a percentage of my income.
- ◇ I would like to talk to someone about this.

Serving (please check the appropriate response)

- ◇ I am currently serving in the following ministry _____ . My ministry leader is _____.
- ◇ I am currently in _____'s Life Group.
- ◇ I am not serving or in a Life group.
- ◇ I would like to talk to someone about this.

Living It Out: February 2012 (*NEW) Revelation 1:8 (New Living Translation)

*“I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**—the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come —the **Almighty One**.”*

Living It Out

It is the dream of CedarCreek that everyone who calls this their church home will be reading and studying the same topics, both individually and in groups. Each week, join with thousands of others at CedarCreek Church in applying God’s Word, the Bible, into your daily life. Our hope is that while we learn and grow together, as individuals and as a church, we will collectively live out the weekend message.

Living It Out resources, such as the Daily Bible Study, Daily Bible Reading Plan, Discussion Questions and Scripture Memory Verses, are designed to help us embrace a missional mindset...a mindset that compels us to love Jesus, serve others and tell the world about Christ.

Living It Out: Daily Bible Study—Daily Bible study activities to reflect on the weekend message

Living It Out: Daily Bible Reading Plan—Read through the Bible in a year—Old and New Testament will alternate month to month

Living It Out: Discussion Questions...Weekly questions to discuss with others

Living It Out: Scripture Memory...Memorize one Bible verse per month

All of these resources are also available electronically at www.livingitout.tv, where you can subscribe to have any or all of them emailed to you as they are updated.

We Want Your Feedback!

Tell us about any questions or comments you have about this week’s Living It Out: Daily Bible Study. Forward them to dianap@cedarcreek.tv.

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