



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. What is planting a regional church? Within a certain radius from Covenant or anywhere in the country?

We define regional as "someplace you can travel, where you don't have to get on a plane". Our ideal location would be locally, so that we could maintain connections and support this church as it grows. That being said, we want to follow the Lord's plans, not our own, and if the next church we plant is farther away, we will trust God with that.

2. What happens if we don't reach our fundraising goals?

We have named the two objectives of the REACH initiative 'Primary Goal #1' and 'Secondary Goal #2', very intentionally. If we don't reach the monetary goals we set out to achieve, but the members of Covenant have an encounter with Jesus and their affections are stirred for Him...then this has been a success, and we will trust God with the rest. We will use the funds raised to do as much good as we can for our community, region, and world.

3. What does Covenant do if we raise MORE money than we plan for?

If the Lord chooses to entrust us with more money than we thought we would collect—praise the Lord! He has a habit of doing more than we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). More money, means more resources for Covenant to bless others with. We won't pocket it; any extra funds will be allocated to expand the

ministry to the church and all the ministries locally, regionally, and around the world.

4. Does Covenant plan to partner with other church leaders in the Doylestown community to share ideas/best practices/prayer requests?

Covenant already has relationships with local churches such as Living Hope, Liberti, the churches of our Presbytery, etc. The pastors and staff desire to continue these relationships in order to be a blessing to the Bucks County area. Ephesians 4:4-6 is a reminder that, though there may be many churches in our area, there is still one Lord and one Faith. We are one with every church that preaches Christ because we desire to grow God's Kingdom, not Covenant's kingdom.

5. I am nervous about making a two-year commitment. What do I do?

Step 1: Pray that God would give you wisdom.

Step 2: Ask that God would allow you to see this initiative as an invitation, to be part of something He is doing in the world.

Take comfort in the fact that you are not alone. We see in scripture, stories of God doing amazing things through pretty normal and pretty flawed people. It isn't hard to put ourselves in their shoes and feel the emotion they must have felt. Maybe making a two-year commitment can feel similar because of all the "unknowns". Over the next few weeks, God may invite you into a position of giving more than you have in the past, or giving for the first time. This requires a lot of trust and faith in God. Trust: *that He will be with you and provide for you* (Matthew 6: 25-34), and faith: *in what He can do through you* (1 Corinthians 15:58). Be encouraged that the Lord sees you in this process, and that you honor God as you seek to be obedient in this area of life. Also—plans can change. Some will need to end up giving less than they initially planned, and some will probably be able to give more.

6. What does it mean to have a 'discipleship journey'?

It means we are intentionally seeking God and asking for His help in becoming more like His Son. In Psalm 139, David prays this amazing prayer: "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts." Here David is modeling for us, what we want to invite every member of Covenant to step into. To earnestly ask God to search our hearts, and to say Lord, "*Have your way in me!*" Ask the Lord in these next five weeks to reveal more of Himself to you and to show you in what ways He desires to have you become more like His Son!