

Part 2

# Our Commitments

## Following Jesus' Way

The first group of people committed to following Jesus came from diverse cultural and spiritual backgrounds, with differing values, and ideas. Yet they chose to lay aside their agendas and submit themselves in obedience to Christ's teaching, his authority, his agenda, and his values.

#### **Bible-based**

We have an unyielding commitment to the authority and sufficiency of the Bible. It is the final and complete revelation for teaching and instruction on life, living, and what it means to follow God.

#### **Authentic Spirituality**

We are committed to knowing God, not "playing church." We believe the Christian life is a holistic life of honesty with one another and God. We do not make a distinction between our "public" lives and our "private" lives. We will be honest about our weaknesses and failures, as well as celebrate our victories and joys with one another.

### **Community**

We love because Christ first loved us. We are all sinners, but we are a people longing for a clean start therefore we will commit ourselves to being a humble and contrite community of faith that is driven by grace. We are discovering that God, out of sheer generosity, put us in right standing with Himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess were in and is restoring us to where He always wanted us to be.

### **Serving**

We believe that the Gospel is not simply a message on paper, but a calling in which we participate. We believe our mission is expressed in Jesus' words to the disciples, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" and we endeavor to put that calling above our own comfort and desires. We will avoid a consumer approach to church and strive to be active participants in God's grand story of redemption; we therefore, commit ourselves to loving service in our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, places we play, and around the world.