



Covenant Resources

Sermon Series on the Covenant of Spiritual Practices

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Covenantal Practices - through which we seek transformation toward Christlikeness and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

1. We will **worship** God¹ as the central act of our common life whenever the church is gathered. (PP Trait 10)
2. We will practice **prayer, fasting and tithing** with generosity to separate ourselves from the influence of the principalities and powers of this age and to make us available to fully participate in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. (PP Trait 2, 4, 5, 6)
3. We will prayerfully **study the Bible** together weekly in our congregations. (PP Trait 3)
4. We will accept and offer **hospitality** (PP Trait 9)
5. We will study the Bible with neighbors and **strangers, inviting** them to become disciples.
6. Practice **peacemaking** by extending loving-kindness to Christians and enemies.

Worship Theme Ideas

Sept 20 – **Worship** – “*Worship: Discovering God’s Awe in Community*” – Is.6:1-8, Rev. 7:9-17, Acts 17:22-28.

Sept. 27 – **Prayer and Fasting** – “*The practice of listening to God*” - Ezra 8:21-23, Col. 1:1-5a, Lk. 6:12-16, Lk. 18:1-8

Oct. 4 – **Hospitality** - “*The Table of Hospitality*” - Gen. 18:1-8, Romans 12:9-18, Luke 14:7-14

Oct. 11 – **Tithing** – “*Becoming Generous Givers*” – Dt. 26:1-10, I Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19, Mark 12:41-44

Oct. 18 - **Studying the Bible** – “*Encountering God through the Scriptures*” – Psalm 19:7-11, Acts 8:26-35, Acts 17:10-12

Oct. 25 – **Inviting Strangers** – “*Weaving Strangers into our Fellowship*” – Gen. 40:1-8, 14-16; 41:37-38, Acts 10:34-35, 44-48, Matthew 9:9-13

Nov. 1 – **Peacemaking** – “*Practicing Peace*”- Isaiah 2:1-4, II Cor. 5:16-21, Mt. 5:38-43
