



YOUR CHURCH *and you*

LIVING THE FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH COVENANT

Discussion Guide

PARAGRAPH ONE

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

Question for discussion: How can we give ourselves to one another in the body of Christ?

PARAGRAPH TWO

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to “provide things honest in the sight of all men.”

Question for discussion: How can we avoid the appearance of evil in our daily actions?

PARAGRAPH THREE

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to “grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

Question for discussion: What are some ways to fulfill our mission to grow in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

PARAGRAPH FOUR

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship; and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

Question for discussion: What are some ways we can support the church, our poor, and all benevolent work?

PARAGRAPH FIVE

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to “keep the unity of the Spirit” in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another’s happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

Question for discussion: How can we engage in real Christian admonition?

PARAGRAPH SIX

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Question for discussion: How can we extend the influence of Christ in our community?

PARAGRAPH SEVEN

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Question for discussion: How can we support evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world?

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