

## 2020 High School Leader's Covenant

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### **The Milestone Covenant:**

*"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain." Matthew 5:41*

It is a basic duty and obligation for a resident to abide by the laws of the land. In centuries past, a Roman soldier could call upon any resident to carry his pack for one mile. When called upon, it then became the obligation of that citizen to carry out his duty and carry the pack for that mile and no more. Jesus took it a step further, saying not to stop at the end of the one mile, but to go an extra mile. The first mile was traveled out of duty, but the second mile was done out of commitment – a commitment to a higher calling. Likewise, citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven are obligated out of a command from the King that we are to make disciples of men, and no believer is exempt from this duty. There are, however, those who will go the extra mile, not out of duty, but because of a higher calling. Those who answer the call to be disciple makers of students commit themselves to go this extra mile. Along the way, this journey is marked by points of progress. These "milestones" are the places that signify reaching a point in the journey of spiritual maturity.

In answering the call to be a disciple maker of students. I hereby commit myself to go the extra mile in discipling students to reach new milestones in their journey of spiritual maturity.

### **The Millstone Covenant**

*"Temptation to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin." Luke 17:1-2*

The Bible gives a vivid and clear warning to those who answer the call to be disciple makers. The call of a disciple maker comes with great responsibility and an even greater accounting. The book of James tells us that teachers will be judged harder. Jesus himself said that death by a millstone-ride to the bottom of the sea would be better than leading one astray. Therefore, let those who aspire to answer this call take heed and pay close attention to the commitment that they are about to make.

As a child of God, I recognize that I have been endowed with certain Christian liberties, and I hereby commit myself to the voluntary limitation of such freedoms during my service in the High School Ministry.

Therefore, because of my commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ I commit my mind, heart, and body to be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is my spiritual worship. I will not be conformed to this world, but I will be transformed by the renewal of my mind, that by testing I may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Because of a changed heart and my commitment to the gospel and believing that the privilege of guiding people in the Christian way of life is worthy of my best, I commit, as a leader in the High School Ministry of my church, to...

1. Order my conduct in keeping with the principles of the Scriptures and seek the help of the Holy Spirit that I may be faithful and efficient in my work (Ephesians 4:1-3).
2. Be regular and punctual in attendance; and in case of unavoidable absence, give notice as far in advance as possible (1 Corinthians 4:2).
3. Make thorough preparation of the Biblical material and for my other duties each week I am scheduled to teach or lead (2 Timothy 2:15)
4. Use the Bible with my group on Sundays or Wednesdays, or other meeting times and help them to understand and love God's Word. I will teach the lessons in accordance with the curriculum provided by my church (Psalm 119:16).
5. Contribute my tithe to my church's budget (Malachi 3:10).
6. Attend the regular planning meetings and training events (Luke 14:28-30).
7. Avoid and oppose all gossip, slander, and divisive actions and speech (Proverbs 6:16-19).
8. Visit guests frequently and make a special effort to contact absentees each week (Acts 2:46).
9. Cooperate wholeheartedly in the plans and activities of the church and my Sunday School Class (1 Corinthians 3:9).
10. When concerned, or in a conflict with a brother or sister, first go to them directly to resolve the matter and then follow the biblical steps of restoration (Matthew 18:15).
11. Be loyal to the program of the church, striving to attend all worship services (Hebrews 10:25).

12. Make witnessing a major endeavor (Proverbs 11:30).
13. Seek to discover and meet the needs of those with whom I come into contact, especially fellow church members and prospects for my church (Galatians 6:2).
14. Pray regularly for the church, pastor, staff, and other ministries of the church (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
15. Joyfully support and submit to the leadership and authority of the pastors of the church (Hebrews 13:7).
16. Apply the teachings of Christ in moral and social issues of my everyday life (James 1:22).
17. Have a tender heart of humility and repentance that is willing to receive correction (1 John 1:6-10).
18. I concur with my churches doctrinal position as outlined in the First Baptist Faith and Message, 2000.

With the help of God, I will do my utmost to keep this covenant of commitment. In any way that I have failed to uphold this covenant, I am willing and eager to repent and ask forgiveness to all whom I have sinned against.

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Signature

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Date