



*Deeper Class*  
*Membership Track*

# I. Track 1- History, Purpose, & Values of Overflow Church

- **Introductions:** Go around the room and tell name, family, how long you have been coming to Overflow.
- *God doesn't just have a personal purpose for your life, He also has a purpose for us together! That's what we're going to talk about over the next 3 weeks.*
  - **About Josh & Leslie**
  - Personal and ministry history
  - Overflow's Journey
  - Overflow Leadership Structure
    - **GMN-** Pastor Adam McCain(Personal Accountability)
    - **Board Of Directors-** financial and major decisions.
    - **Staff-** Pastors & Volunteer, operational decisions, daily operations.
    - **Overflow Leadership-** lead areas and make the church function.

## A. Our Purpose:

- Overflow Church exists to encounter the presence of Jesus and to empower people.
- Overflow Church desires to provide a place for people to be loved, find refuge, and experience true life. Jesus said that those who believed in him would be "wells of living water." We were created for an abundant overflowing life; that we would have life and give life. Our philosophy is that if people are well connected to Jesus, He will bring resolve to every issue of their life.

## B. Our Vision:

Find a more permanent home, 10 Churches(400ish) in the DFW area

## C. Our Values:

**Closed handed Doctrine:** 1) Jesus is the only Way, Truth, and Life, 2) The Bible is the inerrant word of God. 3) We hold to a Classical Christian biblical worldview in morality, lifestyle, and worship.

*Our Doctrine can be found on our website. You can read that also, but we feel a lot of that can be communicated in our values.*

- We value the **Presence of Jesus**. Every time we gather and everywhere we go. We believe when Jesus reveals Himself, He speaks, heals, and transforms lives.
- We value **Relationships**. We believe that it is God's will that we are well-connected with the body of Christ and were meant to experience life together. Those who we are connected with will encourage us and empower our lives.
  - We welcome questions and conversations.
  - We understand that we are all a work in progress
- We value **Discipleship**. We believe that the great commission and mandate for the local church is that of discipleship. Our goal is not to simply raise up "believers," but genuine Christ-followers; people that are devoted to Christ and His kingdom.
- We value the **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**. We believe that the gifts that the disciples were empowered with in the book of Acts are still functional today. We believe that Jesus is relevance personified. Therefore, our desire to be relevant will never trump our value to facilitate an atmosphere where the gifts of the spirit function. (1 Corinthians 12)
  - *The baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 1:4-8 and 2:4 is poured out on believers that they might have power to witness.*
- We value **Excellence**. We believe in doing everything as unto the Lord with diligence and quality.
- We value **Honor**. We believe that honoring God means honoring others. Therefore we honor up, down, and all around.
- We value **Celebration**. We believe that celebration increases hope and builds our faith. No victory is too small to be celebrated.

## **D. Three level involvement at Overflow**

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# II. Track 2- Kingdom Lifestyle: Intimacy with Jesus

## Jenn & Dalton Hiland

*Instructor Introduction: Yourself and your history with Overflow.*

### Daily Disciplines of the Kingdom Lifestyle

*-Really about walking in relationship with Jesus.*

#### A. Reading The Word

“If you continue in My Word, then you are My disciples indeed. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31-32

To become like Jesus we must fill our lives with His word.

#### 5 ways to Saturate Ourselves in God’s Word.

##### 1. Hear it:

**Romans 10:17** “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

*How many of you would like to have more faith?* Hear the Word of God. This is the easiest way to get into God's Word. It's the most common way, but it's also the way we can lose the most content. We tend to forget 95% of what we hear within 72 hours.

- That's why people can go week after week, year after year to church and not really grow. They don't really remember it, and how can you apply it if you don't even remember it.
- That’s why you need these other methods as well.

##### 2. Read it:

**Revelation 1:3** "Happy is the one who reads this book and obeys what is written in it."

**Deuteronomy 17:19** (Living Bible) "The Scriptures shall be his constant companion. He must read from it everyday of his life so that he will learn to

respect the Lord, his God, by obeying all of his commands." God wants me to read the Word of God on a daily basis.

If you're going to be successful at reading the word, you need to have a systematic plan.

- Start in the New Testament.
- Take one book a month, One Year Bible, You Version Plans...other ideas?

### **3. Study it:**

**Acts 17:11** "They accepted the message eagerly and studied the Scripture every day."

*Studying the word is simply taking it deeper. Asking yourself, 'what is God trying to say to me in what I just read,' and then writing down in a journal your thoughts.*

### **4. Memorize it:** Hide his word in your heart.

**Proverbs 7:2-3** "Guard my words as your most precious possession. Write them down, and also keep them within your heart."

### **5. Apply it:**

**James 1:22** "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like."

## **B. Prayer Life**

Sometimes we have a wrong view of prayer. It's hard because we don't understand it, or because no one has ever taught us how to do it. Today, we will talk about some very practical ways to be successful in your prayer life.

## ***5 WAYS TO BEGIN A QUIET TIME***

## 1. Select a Specific Time

Doesn't matter when really just make it specific and repeatable. Most of the time it's best in the morning. You give God the first of your day and if you put it off sometimes it doesn't get done.

## 2. Choose a Special Place

**Luke 22:39** "Jesus left the city and went, as he usually did, to the Mount of Olives to pray." Circle "as he usually did". That means, it was his habit. It was an habitual place, a special place. There's really only one important factor that you need here. Solitude. You need to find a place where you can be alone.

## 3. Gather the Resources you Need

- You need a notebook to write down what the Lord speaks to you. Keep your sermon notes and quiet time notes in there.
- Get a worship CD with some great worship songs that will help build the atmosphere of prayer.
- Keep a journal to write down things that come to your mind.

## 4. Begin with the Right Attitude

There are three things you need to have:

**a) Reverence.** You need reverence for the Lord. The Bible says, "Be still, and know that I am God." You don't rush into God's presence, you prepare your heart.

**b) Expectancy.** The Bible says, "Open my eyes to see wonderful things in your Word." When you come to your quiet time, say, "Lord, I expect You to talk to me today. I expect to meet with You. I expect you to say something to me out of Your word."

**c) Willingness to obey.** John 7:17 "Whoever is willing to do what God wants will know whether it's true or not." Being willing in advance. "Lord, before I even open this book, the Bible, I want You to know that I'm willing in advance to do what You want me to do. I'm saying `Yes' in advance."

## 5. Follow a simple plan

*Jesus gives us a simple plan for how to pray. This is more than just a prayer to quote it is actually an outline for prayer.*

**Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)** "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

**1. Praise- Expressing worship and gratefulness to God.**

v. 9 "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

**2. Purpose- Commit myself and my purposes to God.**

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

**3. Provision- Ask God to meet my needs.**

Verse 11 "Give us today our daily bread..."

What needs do I pray about? Absolutely every one of them. There is nothing too great for God's power to take care of and there's nothing too insignificant for His concern.

**4. Pardon- Ask God to forgive my sins.**

This part of the Lord's prayer says, "Forgive us our debts".

**5. People: Pray for other people.**

The Lord's prayer says, "As we have forgiven our debtors."

Pray for family, friends, pastors, church, coworkers, the lost, your city, etc.

**6. Protection: Ask for protection.**

v. 13 "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one."

# III. Tract 3- Kingdom Partnership

**Instructors: Brooke & Nathan Hernandez**

*Instructor Introduction: Yourself and your history with Overflow.*

## A. Community

- Fellowship is a huge part of growing as a disciple. Being a disciple is not just about believing, it's about belonging.
- Spiritual growth doesn't just happen all by ourselves reading our bible and praying. It happens when we begin to love one another and spend time in community together.
- It's not Just "Me and Jesus"
- He is the King of this Kingdom but the kingdom is made up of people.

### 1. We belong to the family of God.

**Ephesians 2:19** "You are a member of God's very own family and you belong in God's household with every other Christian."

**Romans 12:5** "So in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

### 2. We need encouragement, we also need to be encouraging.

-We cannot grow healthily alone. We need each other.

**Hebrews 10:24** "Let us think of one another and how we can encourage one another to love and good deeds."

-We need to be thinking of ways to encourage and build one another up.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12,** "Two are better off than one. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls it's just too bad because there is no one to help him. Two men can resist an attack that would defeat one man alone. A rope made of three cords is hard to break."

### 3. We need accountability.

**Proverbs 27:17** "People learn from one another just as iron sharpens iron."

**Galatians 6:1** "Brothers, if someone is trapped in some sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

*-What is the law of Christ? Caring for one another.*

#### **4. We are more powerful together.**

*-Community brings synergy*

**Matthew 18:20** "For wherever two or three have come together in my name, I am there, right among them!"

**Matthew 18:19** "Whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."

#### **5. Community testifies to the world.**

*-Jesus says in John 17 "My prayer for all of them is that they will be of one heart and mind so the world will believe you sent me."*

**John 13:35** "Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

**The Value of Mid-week gatherings:** Community Groups, The Flood, Love Project.

## **B. Serving**

**Matthew 20:28** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**I Peter 4:10** "God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

**-The ultimate goal for spiritual gifts is to use those gifts to love and serve others.**

**One of the Best ways to build Community is serving.**

- **Areas:(Teams)** Yellow- Greeting, Orange- Childrens, Blue- Worship, Black-Media
- Get in the flow card/app/website

## **C. First-fruits/ Tithing**

**Proverbs 3:9-10** “Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”

*When we bring the first-fruit, the rest overflows with blessing.*

### **The Tithe: The First-fruits of our Finances.**

**Malachi 3:8-12** "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.”

### **3 Main Objections to Tithing:**

#### **#1. Tithing is Under the Old Testament Law: We are not under the Law.**

- There are many universal laws (like murder) in the OC law. Tithing is one of them.
  - Tithing predates the law by over 400 years.(w/Abraham) (Cain/Able 2000+ years)
  - The Law demanded 22-27% Tithing isn't a law issue. Its a priority issue
- “We don't bring it by obligation but we bring it by faith!”*

#### **#2. Jesus Never Mentioned Tithing: FALSE.**

**Luke 20:25** “Render to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God **what is God's.**”

**Matthew 23:23** “You should tithe, yes...”

- Jesus referenced & illustrated more with money than any other topic.
- More than love/ more than heaven and hell combined.(11 of 39 parables)
- WHY? Because Money is an Indicator.

**Matthew 6:19-21**"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

### **#3. I/We Cant afford it.**

To withhold the Tithe is to steal from God. WE BRING the tithe. (Mal 3)

You cant afford not to: **90% blessed goes better than 100% cursed.**

*"We don't bring God whats left, we don't bring him left overs we do like he does we bring him the best."*

-This is the only thing God ever tells us to test him in.

### **Generosity: The Grace of Giving**

*Tithing doesn't make you generous. You can tithe with a wrong spirit.*

(Church Macedonia in 2 Corinthians/ They were broke yet they were generous.)

**2 Corinthians 8:7** "Just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving."

*For More Info: Podcast: Thresholds: Financial breakthrough.*

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**You can do that today!**

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# OVERFLOW CHURCH

## MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, and being in agreement with Overflow Church beliefs and vision, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Overflow Church family. In doing so, I am establishing a covenant with God and Overflow Church to:

### **Show up faithfully to God's house for worship.**

In good faith, I will make pursuing God a priority by regularly attending worship services, and other gatherings of the people of Overflow Church. I am in agreement with the mission of Overflow Church and in obedience to the Great Commission that Jesus gave to all Christ followers. I will pray for and invite my friends, neighbors, family members and those who are away from God to come to a relationship with Christ and to become a part of our family of believers.

Hebrews 10:24, Acts 2:42-47, Matthew 28:18-19, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, Luke 14:15-23

### **Grow up to my full God given potential.**

In good faith, I will pursue spiritual growth through regular prayer, Bible reading, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines. I will pursue a Godly life in accordance with the teachings of scripture.

Luke 18:1, Acts 17:11, I Corinthians 9:24-27, Ephesians 5:1-13; 2 Corinthians 5:17

### **Offer up my tithe and/or offerings in support of Overflow Church.**

In good faith, I will pursue generosity toward God and the vision of Overflow Church. I will be obedient to the teaching of scripture in tithes, offerings, and the stewardship of my finances.

Malachi 3:8-12, 2 Corinthians 9:13, Matthew 25:14-30, Matthew 25:35, 36

### **Take up my ministry by finding a place of service at Overflow Church.**

In good faith, I will pursue a servant's heart by giving of my time and talents to serve in a ministry capacity. I will serve faithfully, generously, sacrificially and cheerfully as a member of the body of Christ. I will serve others as if serving the Lord.

I Peter 4:10-11, Romans 12:1-2, I Corinthians 12:4-5, I Corinthians 12:12-23, Ephesians 6:7-8, Ephesians 2:10

### **Lift up my Overflow brothers and sisters in Christ.**

In good faith, I will pursue strong God centered relationships with my Overflow brothers and sisters. I will love others in every circumstance by offering grace and encouragement. I will treat others with honor; while continually speaking the truth in love. I will pray for and lend a helping hand to those within the family of God who are in need.

Hebrews 10:24, 3:13, Romans 12:10-11, James 5:16, I John 3:16

### **Lift up my pastors and leaders of Overflow Church.**

In good faith, I will pursue the unity of the body of Christ by praying for and encouraging my pastors and church leaders with my words, attitudes, and actions. I will wholeheartedly join in the mission and vision of Overflow Church to see people encounter the Reality of Jesus.

Hebrews 13:17, I Timothy 5:17, I Peter 5:5, Ephesians 4:1-3, I Corinthians 1:10, Romans 14:19

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