



## **Membership Track**



OVERFLOW

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# 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.*

- **Presence-** Every time we gather everywhere we go
- **Family-** We Follow Jesus together
- **Honor-** Up, Down, All-around.
- **Power-** God is moving today.
- **Generosity-**Blessed to be a blessing.

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

**1. Attender-** Comes to church.

**2. Member-** Committed to the church and vision. Having gone through the deeper course, members partner with Overflow church.

**3. Leader-** Committed to steward the vision of Overflow.

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

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

### Coming into the Kingdom of God

#### The Good News

1. God loves you and created you for a relationship with Him. (John 3:16, Psalms 139:13, John 17:3)
2. Sin messed this up and separated you from God. (Is. 59:2, Romans 6:23)

***Because God loves us, and is gracious towards us he sent Jesus.***

3. God gave Jesus to be the solution for sin. (2 Cor. 5:21, Romans 5:8)
4. To receive the good news, you need to repent (from sin and **towards God.**) and yield your life to Jesus by **believing and trusting Jesus.** (Acts 3:19)

***Who wants salvation through Jesus?***

***If you are following Jesus, you need to be water baptized and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.***

1. Baptism is the supernatural burying of your old life and fully stepping into your new life in Christ. (Romans 6:3-4)
2. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit comes separately from water baptism and salvation. It is the immersion in the Holy Spirit for the empowerment to live like Jesus by walking in his power and love as His witnesses to the world. (Acts 1:8)

***If you have not received these gifts of salvation, talk to me about it after class.***

## How to Have a Relationship with Jesus

*The core of Christianity is Jesus. It is all about knowing Him and following Him.*

1. **Know Him:** God wants you to know him, not just know about Him.

**John 17:3** “Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

2. **Seek Him:** In order to know Him, you must seek Him.

**Jeremiah 29:13** “If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.”

3. **Follow Him:** Jesus wants you to follow Him as the Lord of your life.

**Mark 8:34** “Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

### Three areas to grow your relationship with Jesus.

#### 1. Prayer:

**Jeremiah 33:3** “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”

*Praying is communicating with God. Part of learning to listen is to make time to be quiet, and without distraction before the Lord. If you do, you will begin to hear God’s voice.*

#### 2. Read the Bible:

**John 8:31-32** 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.

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

*As we come close to the Word of God, we are coming close to Jesus. God wants to speak to you, transform you, strengthen you, show you who He is, and show*

*you how to follow Jesus through His Word. Read it daily. It is our daily bread given from God to grow us close to Him.*

### **3. Obedience**

**James 1:22** “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

*God is looking for people that will do something with what they are given, and be found faithful with little. Obey what God shows you in His word or leads you with His Holy Spirit. You will grow and He will begin to trust you with more.*

### **4 ways to grow in God’s Word.**

#### **1. Hear it:**

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

#### **2. Read it:**

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

• **God wants me to read the Word of God on a daily basis.**

• **TIPS:** 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.”

#### **4. Obey 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.”

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

A “quiet time” is time that you set aside daily to be alone with Jesus and grow your relationship with Him. Jesus loves you and wants you to encounter Him, know Him, and follow Him.

## 1. Decide When and How Long

Most of the time it's best in the morning. When you don't give God the first of your day, it can be easy to forget to meet with the one you were created for. God is looking for what you have, not what you don't. If you can't make mornings work, that's okay, just make the time specific and repeatable.

It can be 15 minutes or 3 hours, start somewhere and grow it.

**When do you want to meet with God?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long do you want to set aside?** \_\_\_\_\_

## 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." "as he usually did". 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**.*

**Where is that place for you?** \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Gather the Resources you need

1. Potentially a notebook or journal to write down what the Lord speaks to you.  
**TIP:** Keep your sermon notes and quiet time notes in there.
2. Find worship music that will help you set your heart on Jesus.
3. Grab a Bible (consider a paper copy).

***What do you need to get?***\_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Begin with the Right Attitude

There are three things you need to have when entering your quiet time:

### a) Reverence.

- You need reverence for the Lord.
- **Psalm 46:10** "Be still and know that I am God." You don't rush into God's presence, you prepare your heart.

### b) Expectancy.

- **Psalm 119:18** 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.*

## 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."

## Points to remember:

1. **Keep it simple.** Be with Jesus.
2. **Read the Word daily** because it will grow you Spiritually.
3. **Obey.**



# III. Tract 3- Kingdom Partnership

*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.”

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**You can do that today!**

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# MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Following 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 and fellowship.**

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 servants 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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_