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WELCOME TO
REDEEMER ROUND ROCK

Intro Guide

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Welcome to Redeemer!

**We are a diverse, gospel-centered family learning and living the way of Jesus
for the glory of God and the good of neighbor.**

We're grateful you're here.

Whether you've been following Jesus for many years, are new to Christianity, or are simply exploring what you believe, we're honored you've taken the time to learn more about our church.

Our hope for Intro is simple:

We want to help you understand the gospel, discover who we are as a church, and prayerfully discern whether Redeemer is the church family God is calling you to be part of.

This booklet follows the same journey we'll take together during the Intro class.

Along the way, you'll discover:

- The good news of the gospel
- Why Redeemer exists
- Who we are and what we value
- How we seek to make disciples
- What life together looks like at Redeemer
- Practical next steps for getting connected

Our hope is that when you leave Intro, you'll be able to say:

"I understand who Redeemer is, why they do what they do, and can now discern whether this is the church family God is calling me to be part of."

If, as you get to know Redeemer, you sense God may be leading you to make this your church home, we'd love to continue that conversation. At the conclusion of Intro, we'll answer your questions, introduce you to our Partnership Guide, and explain what it looks like to commit yourself to the life and mission of this church family.

Thank you for spending this time with us.

Our prayer is that you leave encouraged by the gospel, excited about what God is doing through His church, and eager to continue learning and living the way of Jesus - wherever He leads you.

The Redeemer Elders

THE GOSPEL

What is the Gospel?

The word gospel simply means *good news*. It is the announcement of what God has done through Jesus Christ.

The gospel is not merely good advice about how to live. It is good news about a historical event that changed the world.

Out of His great love, God sent His Son into the world. Jesus lived the perfect life we could not live, died on the cross for our sins, and rose from the dead in victory over sin, Satan, and death. Through His life, death, and resurrection, God accomplished our salvation and established Jesus as the true King over all creation.

This good news calls for a response. The Bible calls us to repent - to turn from our sin - and to place our faith and allegiance in Jesus Christ. Everyone who trusts in Him is forgiven, reconciled to God, welcomed into His family, and given the gift of eternal life.

The gospel is the foundation of the Christian life. We never move beyond it. We spend our lives growing deeper into the reality of what God has accomplished for us in Christ.

What Does the Gospel Change?

The gospel changes every part of our lives.

At Redeemer, we say that the gospel changes us *personally, relationally, and missionally*.

Personally, the gospel gives us a new identity. We are forgiven, adopted as God's children, filled with His Spirit, and made new in Christ. We no longer live out of guilt, shame, or condemnation, but out of God's grace.

Relationally, the gospel creates a new family. Through Jesus, God reconciles us not only to Himself but also to one another. As members of Christ's body, we learn to love, forgive, encourage, confess, serve, and bear one another's burdens.

Missionally, the gospel sends us into the world. Jesus calls His followers to be His witnesses, making disciples and displaying His Kingdom through both our words and our lives. Every Christian has a role in God's mission of making Christ known.

Following Jesus means continually learning to live in the reality of what He has already accomplished.

REDEEMER

OUR STORY

Redeemer Round Rock exists because God is faithfully building His church.

Like every local church, our story is ultimately part of His much bigger story - the good news of Jesus advancing through ordinary people, ordinary places, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

In 2008, Josh Reeves and Jordan Elder began preparing for church planting while serving at Redeemer Lubbock. After ministry training and assessment, they were sent with a small team to Round Rock in 2011 to begin the work of planting a new church.

For the next year, the team focused on building relationships, sharing the gospel, and forming Gospel Communities in their homes. By God's grace, disciples were being made before a Sunday gathering ever existed.

A Brief Timeline

2008 – Josh and Jordan begin preparing for church planting at Redeemer Lubbock.

2011 – Sent to Round Rock with a church planting team.

2012 – Redeemer Round Rock launches its first public gathering on Easter.

2012–2017 – Meets in borrowed spaces, including a church building, community center, and school, while planting churches in Brenham and Northwest Austin.

2017 – God graciously provided our permanent home on North A.W. Grimes Boulevard.

While much has changed over the years, our purpose has not -

We still desire to be a church that loves Jesus, makes disciples, and plants churches for the glory of God.

As we look back, we're reminded that Redeemer has never been built on a building, a personality, or a program. From the beginning, God has been faithful to use ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary mission.

We pray He will continue to do the same through us for many years to come.

WHY WE EXIST

Every church exists for a reason. At Redeemer, our reason begins with God.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible tells one unified story of a God who is redeeming a people and restoring all things through Jesus Christ. Humanity was created to know God, enjoy Him, and reflect His glory throughout the earth. But sin fractured every part of God's good creation, bringing separation, brokenness, and death.

Rather than abandon His creation, God promised a Redeemer. That promise was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus defeated sin and death, reconciled sinners to God, and inaugurated His Kingdom.

After His resurrection, Jesus commissioned His followers to make disciples of all nations. Until Christ returns and makes all things new, the church has the privilege of participating in God's mission.

This is why Redeemer exists.

We are not simply trying to build a church or create religious programs. We exist to join God in His work of making disciples and seeing lives transformed by the gospel.

Everything we do flows from that mission. Our Sunday Gatherings center us on Christ through worship, Scripture, prayer, and communion. Our Gospel Communities help us grow together as the family of God. Equip classes help us become mature disciples who understand and live from their identity in Christ. And together we live on mission by loving our neighbors, planting churches, and participating in God's work both locally and around the world.

We often say that **Redeemer is an ordinary church participating in the extraordinary mission of God**. It is our joy to join the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in His work of redemption as we await the day Christ returns and His Kingdom is fully realized.

WHO WE ARE

When we trust in Jesus, we are forgiven, adopted into God's family, and joined together with believers around the world. The Bible calls this new family the Church. It is God's people, gathered together to worship Him, encourage one another, grow as disciples, and make Christ known in the world. **The gospel creates a new people.**

At Redeemer, we believe the local church is God's primary means of helping us grow as followers of Jesus. Christianity was never meant to be lived alone. God designed us to know Him, belong to His family, and participate in His mission together.

That's why we describe ourselves this way:

Redeemer is a diverse, gospel-centered family learning and living the way of Jesus for the glory of God and the good of neighbor.

Every part of that statement matters.

A diverse, Gospel-centered family.

The gospel brings together people from different ages, cultures, ethnicities, personalities, backgrounds, and life experiences into one family united by Christ. Because the gospel is at the center of our life together, it shapes everything we believe, teach, and do.

Learning and living the way of Jesus.

Following Jesus is more than believing certain truths. It is a lifelong journey of becoming more like Him as we learn His Word, practice His ways, depend on His Spirit, and help one another faithfully follow Christ.

For the glory of God and the good of neighbor.

Everything we do is ultimately about honoring God while displaying His love to the people around us. We want our lives, our church, and our mission to reflect the beauty of the gospel in our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, and city.

This identity gives shape to our mission:

Our mission is to reach, teach, equip, and send people with the good news of Jesus.

Everything we do at Redeemer flows from that mission.

HOW WE MAKE DISCIPLES

Everything we do at Redeemer is designed to help people follow Jesus more faithfully.

Rather than filling our calendar with endless programs, we've intentionally build simple rhythms that help people worship together, grow together, be equipped together, and live on mission together. To become disciples of Jesus Christ.

We call these our four discipleship environments:

Sunday Gatherings

Every Sunday we gather to worship God through Scripture, prayer, singing, preaching, confession, and the Lord's Supper. Our gatherings are centered on Jesus, rooted in God's Word, and designed to encourage believers while being welcoming to those exploring Christianity.

Gospel Communities

Gospel Communities are where the church becomes family. These smaller groups meet in homes throughout the week to study Scripture, pray together, care for one another, share meals, and live on mission in everyday life. If Sunday is where we gather, Gospel Communities are where we grow together.

Equip

Equip provides intentional opportunities to grow in biblical understanding and spiritual formation. Through classes, studies, and training, we learn to see more clearly who we are in Christ and how the gospel reshapes every part of our lives.

Mission

Jesus sends every disciple into the world as His witness. Together we seek to faithfully live on mission in our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and city while also participating in church planting, local ministry partnerships, and global missions.

Our goal isn't simply to keep people busy. It's to help people become mature disciples who increasingly know Jesus, love one another, and faithfully participate in His mission.

We believe that simple, intentional rhythms create space for deep spiritual formation and sustainable ministry.

The following pages introduce each of these discipleship environments in greater detail.

OUR VALUES

Everything we've shared so far raises an important question:

What kind of people is God calling us to become?

At Redeemer, we believe discipleship is more than attending church or gaining biblical knowledge. It is the lifelong work of the Holy Spirit, shaping us into people who increasingly reflect the character of Jesus. Once He becomes the object of our faith, our lives should grow to look more and more like His.

There are five core values that describe the kind of church we believe God is calling us to be. These values are an important part of how we are follow Jesus, love one another and pursue God's mission together.

Truth - We treasure the truth.

Grace - We are guided by grace.

Prayer - We are quick to pray.

Hospitality - We open our lives.

Multiplication - We live on mission.

Each of these Kingdom values shapes the culture and vision of our church.

GENEROSITY

Following Jesus shapes not only what we believe, but how we live. Because God has been abundantly generous toward us in Christ, we desire to become generous people.

Generosity is about far more than financial giving. It includes how we steward our time, abilities, resources, homes, and lives for the good of others and the glory of God.

One expression of that generosity is financial giving. We believe giving is an act of worship that supports the ministry of the local church, cares for those in need, and advances the mission of making disciples and planting churches. We don't give out of obligation, but in grateful response to the grace God has shown us in Jesus.

LIFE AT REDEEMER

SUNDAY GATHERINGS

If you've visited Redeemer, you may have noticed that our Sunday gatherings follow a consistent pattern. Christians have often referred to this pattern as **liturgy**, which simply means **the order or rhythm of worship**.

We believe our worship should be shaped by God's Word rather than by trends or personal preference. For that reason, each Sunday follows a gospel-shaped rhythm that helps us remember who God is, who we are, and what He has done for us in Christ.

While the specific songs, prayers, and Scripture readings change each week, the overall pattern remains much the same.

God Calls Us

Our gathering begins with hearing from God first. Through Scripture, He invites us into His presence to worship Him.

We Respond

As we worship, we confess our sins, hear God's assurance of forgiveness in Christ, sing together, pray together, and confess our shared faith.

We Hear God's Word

We read Scripture publicly and preach through books of the Bible because we believe God continues to speak to His people through His Word.

We Come to the Table

Every week we celebrate the Lord's Supper as a visible reminder of Christ's body broken for us and His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Communion keeps the gospel at the center of our worship.

We Are Sent

Our gathering concludes with a benediction - a blessing from God's Word that reminds us we are being sent back into our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools to live as followers of Jesus.

Our hope is that week after week this rhythm forms us into worshippers - people who love God, love one another, and live on His mission.

GOSPEL COMMUNITY

We believe spiritual formation happens best in the context of Christian community.

The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone. Throughout the New Testament, followers of Jesus are called to encourage one another, pray for one another, bear one another's burdens, confess sin, forgive one another, serve one another, and spur one another toward love and good works.

While our Sunday gatherings are central to the life of our church, Gospel Communities are where those relationships deepen. These smaller groups meet throughout the week in homes across our city to help one another learn and live the way of Jesus together.

Every Gospel Community has its own personality and rhythm, but they all share three common priorities:

Word. Family. Mission.

WORD

We learn and live God's truth, together.

God speaks to us through His Word. In it, He reveals who He is, who we are, and how we're called to live. In our groups, we open the Scriptures to know Jesus more deeply and to understand our place in His story. Then, we walk in that truth together, helping one another follow Jesus in the everyday realities of life, right where God has placed us.

FAMILY

We love one another.

Jesus forms us as His people through committed, sacrificial love. In our groups, we care for one another in practical ways - sharing our time, resources, joys, burdens, and struggles. We build relationships marked by honesty, service, and grace as we grow together as the family of God.

MISSION

We live with purpose and invitation.

Jesus sends us into the everyday places of life to be His witnesses. In our groups, we seek to live out our faith with intentionality in our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and homes. We pursue the good of our city and our world, open our lives to others, and invite friends and neighbors into our community so they might see and experience the love of Christ.

No Gospel Community is perfect. Each one is made up of ordinary people learning to follow an extraordinary Savior. We'd love for you to experience life in a Gospel Community. We believe it's one of the best places to know others, be known, and continue learning and living the way of Jesus together.

If you're interested in learning more about what it looks like to join a Gospel Community, reach out to Pastor Rick (rick@redeemerrr.org).

EQUIP

"...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."
Ephesians 4:12

**Redeemer Equip exists to help us grow as followers of Jesus
through intentional spiritual formation.**

One of the primary ways God forms us is by helping us see more clearly what is already true of us because of the gospel. Through Jesus, we have been forgiven, adopted, reconciled to God, filled with His Spirit, and made new. **The Christian life isn't primarily about becoming someone else, it's about learning to live into the new identity we've already been given in Christ.**

As we continually return to the good news of the gospel, God shapes the way we think, love, work, parent, suffer, serve, and live in the world. Redeemer Equip is shaped primarily by three things:

Formed by the Word

God transforms His people through His Word. Every Equip class is rooted in Scripture, helping us know God more deeply and understand His story more clearly.

Rooted in Identity

Everything we do flows from the finished work of Jesus. Equip helps us continually return to our identity as beloved sons and daughters of God so that obedience becomes a response to grace rather than an attempt to earn God's favor.

Growing in Everyday Faithfulness

The gospel reshapes every part of life. Equip helps us connect biblical truth to the everyday rhythms of work, family, relationships, vocation, and mission, forming mature disciples who increasingly reflect the character of Christ.

Throughout the year we offer seasonal classes, studies, resources, and training opportunities designed to deepen our understanding of Scripture and strengthen our everyday faithfulness.

Whether you're exploring Christianity or have followed Jesus for many years, Equip provides a place to continue learning and living the way of Jesus alongside the rest of our church family.

MISSION

Jesus doesn't simply save us - He sends us.

Every follower of Jesus has been called to live as His witness wherever God has placed them. Mission begins long before a mission trip or a serving opportunity. It begins in the ordinary places of everyday life: our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, friendships, and communities.

We believe every Christian is called to live with gospel intentionality, displaying the love of Christ through both our words and our actions. Whether we're raising children, teaching students, leading a business, serving customers, studying at school, or sharing a meal with neighbors, God has placed us there for a purpose.

As a church, we encourage one another to faithfully live on mission where we are while also participating together in God's mission in three primary ways.

Church Planting

We believe healthy churches plant healthy churches. Through our partnership with the Redeemer Network, we help develop leaders, strengthen existing churches, and establish new gospel-centered churches throughout Texas and beyond.

Love the City

We seek the good of Round Rock by serving our neighbors and partnering with local ministries that care for vulnerable people and proclaim the hope of Christ.

Love the Nations

God's mission extends to every nation. Through long-term partnerships, prayer, financial support, and short-term opportunities, we participate in God's work around the world to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

No matter your age, vocation, or stage of life, we believe every follower of Jesus has a role in God's mission. Whether God calls you across the street or across the world, our desire is to help you faithfully learn and live the way of Jesus wherever He has placed you.

REDEEMER KIDS

At Redeemer, we believe children are a vital part of the church - not the church of *tomorrow*, but an important part of the church *today*.

Our desire is to partner with parents as they help their children learn and live the way of Jesus. We believe God has entrusted parents with the primary responsibility of discipling their children, and it is our joy and privilege of encouraging, equipping, and supporting them in that calling.

What to Expect

Every Sunday we provide a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment where children from nursery through 5th grade are taught the story of Scripture and invited to know and follow Jesus. Our classrooms use age-appropriate Bible teaching through the Wonder Ink curriculum, helping children discover God's character, understand His Word, and see how the whole Bible points to Jesus. Families also receive weekly resources to continue those conversations at home.

Children in Worship

We also believe children learn by worshiping alongside the church family.

Several times each year, elementary-aged children join the Sunday Gathering to sing, pray, hear God's Word, and participate in the life of the church. Worship Guides are available to help children engage during these services, while nursery and kindergarten classes remain available.

Beyond Sunday

Children are also welcome in our Gospel Communities, where families build relationships and grow alongside one another throughout the week. We want our church to be a place where children experience the love of Christ not only through programs, but through genuine relationships within the family of God.

Our hope is simple:

That every child would know the love of Jesus, trust Him as Savior, and grow into a lifelong disciple.

Redeemer Kids At-a-Glance:

- Nursery through 5th Grade
- Safe, trained volunteers
- Age-appropriate Bible teaching
- Wonder Ink curriculum
- Family Discipleship resource
- Elementary students worship with the church several times per year

If you have any questions about Redeemer Kids, contact Jess Hicks (jess@redeemerrr.org)

REDEEMER STUDENTS

At Redeemer, we believe students are also a vital part of the church today. The middle and high school years are formative years, and we want to come alongside students and their families as they learn what it means to know Jesus, follow Him, and find their place in the family of God.

Our Youth Gospel Community (YGC) exists to disciple the next generation to know how the good news of Jesus shapes them in three primary ways:

 Their IDENTITY - Who They Are

 Their PURPOSE - What They Do

 Their BELONGING - Where They Fit

What to Expect

YGC is our primary discipleship environment for students in 6th–12th grade. Students gather regularly to build meaningful relationships, open God’s Word together, pray, have fun, and learn how the gospel speaks into the everyday realities of their lives.

Our desire isn't simply for students to know more about Christianity, but to increasingly know and trust Jesus and learn to follow Him in every part of life.

Students in the Church

We believe students need more than a student ministry - they need the whole church.

Students are encouraged to participate fully in the life of Redeemer by gathering with the church on Sundays, belonging in community, serving alongside others, and developing relationships with believers across generations. YGC provides a unique environment for students while helping them see themselves as an important part of the larger church family.

Beyond YGC

Discipleship happens in weekly YGC gatherings, and throughout the year as students have opportunities to deepen relationships and grow in their faith through retreats, events, service, and other gatherings.

We also believe parents have the primary responsibility and privilege of discipling their children, and our desire is to encourage and support parents as they help their students follow Jesus.

Our Hope Is Simple:

That every student would know the good news of Jesus, find their identity and belonging in Him, and grow into a lifelong disciple who lives for His purposes.

Redeemer Students At-a-Glance:

- 6th–12th Grade
- Gospel-centered Bible teaching and small-group discussion
- Trusted adult leaders
- Meaningful relationships with other students
- Retreats, events, and opportunities to serve
- Connected to the life of the whole church

LEADERSHIP and BELIEFS

OUR LEADERSHIP

Jesus is the Head of the Church (Colossians 1:18). Every leader at Redeemer serves under His authority and is called to shepherd His people with humility, wisdom, and love.

Redeemer is an elder-led, deacon-supported, staff-equipped church.

Elders

Our elders are biblically qualified men who meet the character qualifications described in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Together they provide spiritual oversight, shepherd the church, guard sound doctrine, and lead Redeemer's mission.

Rather than having a single "lead pastor," we believe the New Testament presents a plurality of elders who lead together. Each elder has unique responsibilities, but they share equal authority and accountability under Christ. Some serve vocationally on our church staff, while others serve as non-vocational elders.

Our Elders desire that every person at Redeemer is known, cared for, and encouraged to grow in love for Jesus.

Deacons

Deacons are biblically qualified men and women who serve the church by caring for practical needs and supporting the ministry of the elders. The New Testament describes deacons as servants, and that spirit shapes their ministry at Redeemer.

At Redeemer, deacons serve in a variety of ministries, using their gifts to strengthen the church and care for our people

Staff

Our staff members help equip the church for ministry and support the everyday work of making disciples. Some serve full-time and others part-time, but together they help our church pursue its mission with intentionality and excellence.

Meet Our Leadership Team

To meet our elders, staff, and ministry leaders, visit the Leadership page on our website. There you'll find photos for each member of our leadership team.

OUR NETWORK and ACCOUNTABILITY

Redeemer Round Rock is an independent local church led by its own team of elders. We are not governed by a denomination or an outside organization.

At the same time, we believe churches are healthier when they aren't isolated. Throughout the New Testament, churches encouraged one another, partnered together in mission, and cared for one another. We believe that same kind of relationship is still valuable today.

That's why we partner with like-minded churches through the **Redeemer Network**.

The Redeemer Network exists to advance the gospel through multiplying healthy churches. They work to develop leaders, plant churches, and foster meaningful relationships between pastors and churches in the network. While every church remains locally governed by its own elders, our churches enjoy mutual encouragement, collaboration, counsel, and accountability as we pursue Christ's mission together. As of 2026 there are 41 churches in the Redeemer Network.

Our desire is to be both locally led and deeply connected - faithfully shepherding the people God has entrusted to us while partnering with other churches to make disciples and plant churches throughout Texas and beyond.

If you'd like to learn more about the Redeemer Network, visit redeemernetwork.org.

BELIEFS

At Redeemer, we are committed to historic, biblical Christianity rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ and expressed through the historic Christian and Reformed traditions.

We gladly affirm the core truths of the Christian faith that have united believers throughout history, as expressed in the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds. Our theology has also been significantly shaped by the historic Reformed tradition, particularly the Heidelberg Catechism and the Westminster Standards. While these historic documents faithfully summarize biblical truth, Scripture alone remains our final authority for faith and practice. We believe the Bible is God's inspired Word and our final authority for faith and life.

Like every church, we also hold theological convictions on matters where faithful Christians have sometimes differed. These convictions shape how our pastors preach, teach, counsel, and lead our church.

We aim to hold our theological convictions with both conviction and humility - standing firmly on the truth of Scripture while showing charity toward fellow believers who differ on non-essential matters.

We recognize that theological convictions are often formed over time. Our hope is that you would continue growing in your understanding of Scripture alongside us as we learn and live the way of Jesus together.

If you have questions about any of our theological positions, we'd love to have that conversation with you.

Our full Statement of Faith and theological distinctives are available on our website and are included in our Partnership Guide for those considering partnership at Redeemer.

CONSIDERING PARTNERSHIP

Throughout this booklet, we've explored the gospel, who we are as a church, and how we seek to follow Jesus together.

Our hope is that we've helped you answer one important question:

Is Redeemer the church family God is calling me to be part of?

If so, we'd love to invite you into partnership. At Redeemer, partnership is simply our way of saying: "I'm committed to following Jesus with this church family."

We don't see partnership as joining an organization or signing up for a club. We see it as making a mutual commitment between a church family and the people who call it home.

Partners at Redeemer commit to four simple rhythms:

The Gospel

Trusting in Jesus, affirming the historic Christian faith, and following Him in baptism.

Gathering

Regularly worshiping with the church on Sundays and living life together in a Gospel Community.

Growing

Growing and maturing as a disciple of Jesus Christ, personally and corporately.

Giving

Joyfully contributing our time, gifts, and resources to strengthen Christ's church and participate in His mission.

These four commitments are explained in greater detail in our Partnership Guide, which we'll provide if you decide you'd like to explore partnership.

Wherever you are today, here are a few next steps:

- Continue worshiping with us on Sundays.
- Download the Redeemer App to stay connected.
- Visit a Gospel Community.
- Find a place to serve.
- Prayerfully consider whether God is leading you to make Redeemer your church home. If He is, we'd love to walk with you through our partnership process.

Whether you're still exploring Christianity, looking for a church home, or ready to partner with us, we're grateful you're here. Our prayer is that you would continue learning and living the way of Jesus with us as we seek the glory of God and the good of our neighbors.



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