



# Partner Covenant

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# **OUR MISSION**

**RADIUS Church exists to  
GLORIFY GOD by planting churches  
that make disciples and live generously.**

# OUR FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINES

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## **RADIUS Church joins the historic Church in affirming the truths of the Apostles Creed:**

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.”

## **In addition to the Apostles Creed, RADIUS Partners join with historical Christianity in affirming the following:**

- God created men and women in His perfect image as two distinct genders, and together these gender distinctions fully express God's image. Our rebellion against God has tarnished this image, leaving us enslaved to our sin and deserving His eternal wrath. (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 3:23, 6:23)
- Marriage is a lifelong covenant relationship between one man and one woman that is designed to reflect the relationship between Christ and His Church. (Eph. 5:22-33)
- Jesus' death and resurrection absorbed God's wrath over our sin and purchased new life for all who believe in Him. This new life is accessed by faith and brings forgiveness, reconciliation with God, and eternal adoption into God's family as sons and daughters. (Eph. 2:12-13)
- The Bible is the story of God's relationship with mankind, revealing a perfect and loving Creator working to restore a rebellious and sinful creation. The 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament are inspired in their original form and therefore completely true and authoritative. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

# PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

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Every person has a unique sphere of influence - what we call your radius. Your radius is made up of your home, your world, and your church family where you gather to worship, learn, and grow together. Healthy disciples live with intentionality in our radius as we walk with God, love our neighbor, do our job, live generously, and engage with our church family. As we stay rooted in God's truth and dependent on His Spirit, our lives bear fruit that point others to Jesus and multiply disciples in every part of our radius.

## MY RADIUS

### HOME | Where You Live

Your spouse, kids, siblings, roommates - those closest to you. These are your first neighbors, and we want to help you love them well. As you develop healthy habits of abiding - praying and reading the Bible - you'll grow in your love for Jesus and those closest to you. Together, you'll have stories to tell of God's work in your family and in your radius.

### WORLD | Where You Work & Play

Your office, school, ball field, drive-thru line, neighbor across the street - these are the real-life places where real faith shows up. We want to encourage you to take responsibility for these spaces, engaging the culture through hospitality and open-handed living. Why? So you can earn the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus as you go about your everyday life.

### CHURCH | Where You Worship

We belong. RADIUS is a place to be yourself and worship among friends. Like Christians have done for 2,000 years, we'll hear from God's Word, pray, sing, share stories, take the Lord's Supper, and live generously - giving to reflect Jesus' generosity to us. Along the way, you'll use your voice and gifts to serve and encourage others to follow Jesus in their radius. Together, we will "GO" - multiplying disciples and multiplying churches.

# MARKS OF A HEALTHY DISCIPLE



## ABIDE

We pursue a growing relationship with Jesus through prayer and Scripture.



## BELONG

We pursue unity and growth through worship, Biblical community, and grace-filled relationships.



## SERVE

Every believer has a job to do - and we show up ready to serve.



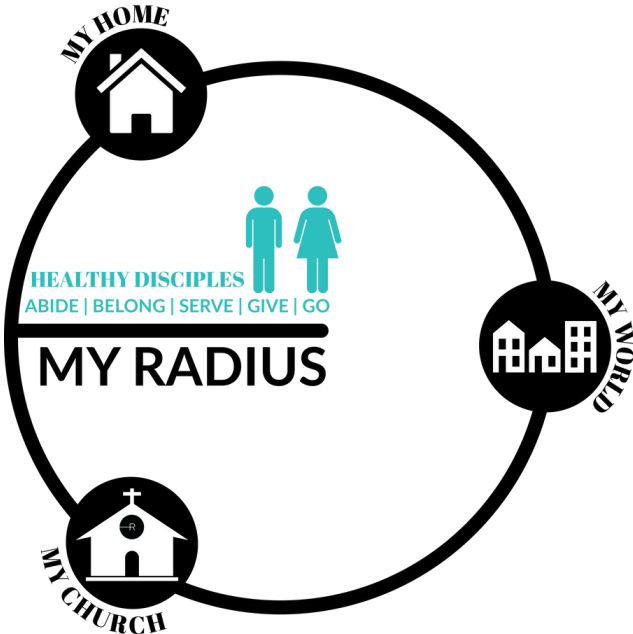
## GIVE

We live open-handedly - to reflect God's generous heart to those around us.



## GO

We reflect Jesus in our homes, world, and church - multiplying disciples as we go.



# CARE AND AUTHORITY

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Our directional elders commit to pursuing the Spirit's guidance as they lead the church and steward her resources. Our local shepherding elders and pastors commit to caring for the church by shepherding her well, praying for her, teaching the Scriptures, equipping people for ministry, protecting her from false teachers, and lovingly exercising correction when necessary.

RADIUS Partners commit to an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, and as occasion may require, will humbly and gently confront one another and receive correction from one another in accordance with a New Testament understanding of church discipline and restoration.

# MY COMMITMENT

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## **FAITH**

I have, by faith, received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and have been baptized in His name. I affirm the Apostles Creed and Foundational Doctrines of RADIUS Church. (Rom. 6:3-5)

## **UNITY**

I will guard my tongue from destructive gossip, resist jumping to conclusions, and have courageous conversations with others as I work for the good of all partners and RADIUS Church. (Eph. 4:1-3)

## **PARTICIPATION**

I will regularly participate in the life of RADIUS Church by attending weekly worship services, serving, engaging in Biblical community (RADIUS Groups or similar) and sharing the Gospel with my radius. (Heb. 10:25)

## SUPPORT

I will support the mission by faithfully managing my time and financial resources so that I can give generously to RADIUS in a cheerful and voluntary manner. (2 Cor. 9:6-7)

## DISCIPLESHIP

I will take ownership of my spiritual growth as a disciple by striving to live out RADIUS' Marks of a Healthy Disciple. As a disciple, I will continue to revise my affairs to follow through on my decision to put Jesus first in my life and make disciples. (Matt. 16:24-27)

# GOOD STANDING

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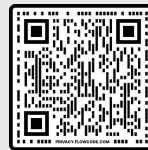
The mark of a Christian, and the mark of a church partner in good standing, is not perfection. Rather, it is someone who is constantly revising their affairs in order to carry through with their decision to follow Jesus. It is a persistent fight of faith that recognizes sin as sin, confesses it, and by grace turns from it again and again.

RADIUS Church is merely one of thousands of local expressions of the body of Christ throughout the world. In the spirit of unity, if you are leaving another church body to partner here, we ask that you, where possible, have a conversation with the leadership of that church to explain to them why you are leaving to preserve that relationship.

Partnering at RADIUS is a simple two-step process. First, complete the Partner Spiritual Health Self-Assessment to reflect on your growth as a disciple and ask for guidance on next steps. Then, sign the Partner Covenant as your commitment to function as part of the RADIUS Church family.



**Step 1: Fill out the  
Partner Spiritual  
Health Self-Assessment**



**Step 2: Sign the  
Partner Covenant  
& Submit Questions**



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