



**Partnership Class  
FALL 2020**



# **Outline for FALL 2020 PARTNERSHIP Class**

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- What matters to Madera Church?
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- “Sample” Group/Serving Cards
  - Schedule dates for interview meetings with Leader Team members.



**Introductions:**

Go around the room. Please introduce yourself and share what caused you to explore becoming part of the church family at Madera Church.

**Our Purpose:**

***“CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD THROUGH THE TRUTH AND HOPE OF JESUS.”***

**The Great Commandment:**

Matthew 22:36-40 - *“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”*

*Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”*

**The Great Commission:**

Matthew 28:19-20 - *“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

**Our Mission:**

***Know. Grow. Go.***

**John 14:6** – Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

**Know:**

God Personally  
Yourself Honestly  
Others Authentically

**Grow:**

Intellectually  
Spiritually  
Relationally

**Go:**

Share the Hope of Christ  
Serve Others  
Make a Difference

## **What Matters to Madera Church?**

*The following values express the heart of Madera Church as we "KNOW, GROW and GO" together.*

### **WE KEEP GOD'S TRUTH CENTRAL IN ALL OUR ACTIVITIES**

*We believe the Bible explains the Good News of eternal life through belief in Jesus Christ and is our ultimate authority to be followed and obeyed. In every situation and circumstance, we believe God's Word is sufficient.*

o Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:14-17, James 1:22-25, Matthew 28:20

### **WE MAINTAIN PRAYER AS THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL WE DO**

*We pray for our leaders, church family, community, and those we support around the world. The leaders of our church strive to set an example and make prayer a priority as they shepherd and lead our church.*

o Philippians 4:6-7, Colossians 4:2, James 5:16, Matthew 5:44-45 and 6:9-15

### **WE WORSHIP BOTH TOGETHER AND INDIVIDUALLY**

*We highly value gathering together to sing praises to God, learn from His Word, give generously (of our time, talent and treasure), partake in communion, and celebrate baptisms. Additionally, we believe worship is also a lifestyle we choose daily. True worship results in loving obedience to God and sacrificial service towards others. This is a lifelong transformation that is only possible through the work of the Holy Spirit.*

o Psalm 149 and 150, Acts 2:46-47, Romans 12:1-9, Matthew 22:37-40

### **WE DO LIFE TOGETHER IN HOME GROUPS**

*We believe close relationships are key to spiritual growth and effective service. As a result, we have intentionally made home groups a priority ministry. We encourage all to participate regularly for authentic fellowship, learning, counseling, care and accountability. The discussion of God's Word in home groups will lead to mentoring relationships, productive prayer, and the opportunity to serve together.*

o Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42-47, Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12

### **WE PASSIONATELY SHARE THE HOPE OF JESUS**

*We desire to help our church family have a clear sense of God's mission and equip them to share Christ's love through both our actions and words. We purposely have a focus on others that is demonstrated by how we use our resources and serve.*

o Matthew 5:13-16, Luke 15, 19:10, Acts 1:8, II Corinthians 5:11-21, and Colossians 4:2-6

## **WE INTENTIONALLY CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF GRACE**

*We desire to reflect Jesus' grace by loving, accepting and serving others. Our hope is to communicate a warm and caring faith to others by demonstrating forgiveness and authenticity in our relationships.*

o Romans 2:1-4, 3:23-24, Ephesians 2:8-10, Galatians 5

## **WE INVITE ALL TO TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

*Just as we encourage participating in home groups, we also hope to empower God's people to pursue individual spiritual maturity through regular spiritual disciplines. This includes prayer, serving, meditating, journaling, and time alone in the Word to grow in intimacy with God.*

o Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 22:37-40, John 15, Luke 10:38-42

## **WE STRATEGICALLY PARTNER WITH PARENTS TO SUPPORT HEALTHY FAMILIES**

*God places great emphasis on a parent's responsibility to share Scripture and Biblical truths with children within their home. Strategically helping parents is a top priority of Madera Church. We will provide fun family activities, practical tools, prayer, counseling, and opportunities to serve as a family.*

o Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Joshua 24:14-15, Psalm 127, Ephesians 4:16 & 6:1-4

### Statement of Faith

The Evangelical Free Church of America is an association of autonomous churches united around these theological convictions:

#### 1. God

*We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.*

We believe in one God (Dt. 6:4; Mk. 12:29), Creator of all things (Gen. 1:1; Ps. 33:6; Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 11:3), holy (Ex. 15:11; Isa. 6:3; 57:15), infinitely perfect (Dt. 32:4; Job 1:7-10; Ps. 18:30; 50:2; 90:2; 145:3; Matt. 5:48), and eternally existing (Ps. 33:11; 102:25-27; 115:3; Dan. 4:34-35; Jn. 5:26; Acts 17:24-25) in a loving unity (Jn. 3:35; 17:24; 1 Jn. 4:8,16) of three equally divine Persons (Jn. 17:11; Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:2): the Father (Dt. 32:6; Mt. 6:6; Rom. 8:15; 1 Cor. 8:6), the Son (Matt. 3:17; Jn. 1:14; 3:16; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 1:5), and the Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-15; Rom. 8:9, 26; Gal. 4:6). Having limitless knowledge (Ps. 139:1-16; 147:5; Isa. 46:10; Jn. 21:17) and sovereign power (Jer. 32:17; Eph. 1:11; Rm. 8:28; 2 Cor. 6:18; Eph. 3:20; Rev. 1:8), God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself (1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:11; 3:10,11; 2 Tim. 1:9; Tit. 1:2; 1 Pet. 1:20; Rev. 13:8) and to make all things new (Matt. 19:28; Acts 3:21; Rom. 8:19-21; Rev. 21,22) for His own glory (Ps. 19:1-2; Isa. 43:7; Jer. 13:11; Col. 1:15-23; Rev. 4:11; 5:9-14).

#### 2. The Bible

*We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.*

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures (Matt. 1:22; 4:4; 19:4,5; Heb. 1:1-2), both Old and New Testaments (2 Pet. 3:15,16), through the words of human authors (Lk. 1:1-4). As the verbally inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20,21), the Bible is without error in the original writings (Num. 23:19; 2 Sam. 7:28; Prov. 30:5; Ps. 119:96, 160; Matt. 5:18; Jn. 10:35; 17:17; Tit. 1:1,2), the complete revelation of His will for salvation (Lk. 16:29-31; Gal. 1:8,9; 2 Tim. 3:15), and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged (Jn. 17:17; 1 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Pet. 1:23; Ps. 119:44,45,165). Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches (Matt. 22:29; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16), obeyed in all that it requires (Matt. 28:20; 2 Thess. 3:14; 1 Jn. 2:5), and trusted in all that it promises (Rom. 1:2; 4:21; Heb. 10:23; 2 Pet. 1:4; 3:13).



### **3. The Human Condition**

*We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.*

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image (Gen. 1:26-27; 5:1; 9:6; 1 Cor. 11:7; Col. 3:10; Jms. 3:9), but they sinned when tempted by Satan (Gen. 3:1-6; Jn. 8:44; Rom. 5:12-14; 16:20; 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:13-14). In union with Adam (Job 14:4; Ps. 51:5; Jn. 2 Updated July 2019 3:6; Rom. 3:12; 5:12-14; 1 Cor. 15:22a; 1 Jn. 1:8), human beings are sinners by nature and by choice (Gen. 6:5; Jer. 17:9; Isa. 6:5; Rom. 5:15; 8:5-8; Eph. 2:1-2; 4:17-19), alienated from God (Rom. 5:10), and under His wrath (Rom. 1:18; 2:5; 3:9-19; 3:23; Eph. 2:3). Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ (Act 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5) can we be rescued (1 Thess. 1:10), reconciled (Rom. 5:1,2,10; Col. 1:20) and renewed (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:24; Phil. 3:21; 1 Jn. 3:2).

### **4. Jesus Christ**

*We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus, Israel's promised Messiah, was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.*

We believe that Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:21; 16:18) is God incarnate (Jn. 1:14, 18; 1 Jn. 4:2), fully God (Isa. 9:6; Jer. 23:6; Jn. 1:1; 20:28; Rom. 9:5; Col. 2:9) and fully man (Matt. 4:2; Lk. 2:40, 52; Jn. 11:35; Heb. 5:7-8; 1 Jn. 1:1-3), one Person in two natures (Jn. 3:13; 10:30; 17:5). Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah (Gen. 3:14-20; 12:1-3; 49:8-12; 2 Sam. 7:11b-16; Matt. 1:1, 17; Lk. 4:16-22; 24:25-27; Jn. 1:41; 4:25-26; Acts 2:36; 13:23,32; Rom. 1:2-3; 2 Tim. 2:8,9)—was conceived through the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18; Lk. 1:34,35) and born of the virgin Mary (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:20; Lk. 1:34,35). He lived a sinless life (Rom. 5:19; Gal. 4:4,5; Matt. 3:15; Phil. 2:7,8; Heb. 4:15), was crucified under Pontius Pilate (Dt. 21:23; Ps. 16:10; Matt. 27:26; Mk. 15:15; Lk. 23:16; Jn. 19:16; Acts 2:27, 37), arose bodily from the dead (Matt. 28:1-10; Mk. 16:1-8; Lk. 24:39; Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:20, 44-45; Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5), ascended into heaven (Lk. 24:51; Acts 1:6-11; Eph. 1:20; 4:8-10; 1 Tim. 3:16) and sits at the right hand of God the Father (Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 1 Pet. 3:22) as our High Priest (Heb. 2:17; 3:1; 4:14; 6:20; 8:1) and Advocate (Rom. 8: 34; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; 1 Jn. 2:1).

### **5. The Work of Christ**

*We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.*

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative (Gen. 2:15-17; Matt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13; Rom. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 1:30; 15:45, 47; Phil. 3:9) and substitute (Mk. 10:45; Heb. 2:16-17; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18), shed His blood on the cross (Lev. 17:11; Mt. 26:28; Heb. 9:14, 22; 10:19; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 12:10-11) as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice (1 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 9:23-24, 26, 28; 10:1; 13:11, 12) for our sins (Isa. 53:5-7, 12; Jn. 1:29; Rom. 3:21-26; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; 1 Jn. 3:5). His atoning death (Rom. 3:25; Heb. 2:17; 1 Jn. 2:2; 4:10) and victorious resurrection (Col. 1:13; 2:13-15; Heb. 2:14-15) constitute the only ground for salvation (Rom. 4:25; 6:4, 11, 14; 1 Cor. 6:14; 15:20; 2 Cor. 4:14; Eph. 1:19-20; 2:5-6; 1 Pet. 1:3).

## 6. The Holy Spirit

*We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.*

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## 7. The Church

*We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.*

We believe that the true church (Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:4-6; 5:25; Heb. 12:28) comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone (Ps. 103:12; Isa. 44:22; Jn. 3:16; Acts 16:31; Rom. 3:20-28; 4:3; 5:1, 21; 8:1, 30, 33-34; 10:4, 9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Phil. 3:9; Tit. 3:7; Heb. 10:14). They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-27), of which He is the Head (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:15-16; Col. 1:18; 2:19). The true church is manifest in local churches (Acts 9:31; 20:28-30; Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 1:2; 16:19; 2 Cor. 1:1; 1 Thess. 1:1; Philem. 1-2), whose membership should be composed

only of believers (Matt. 18:15-20; Acts 2:41, 47; 14:23; 20:7; 1 Cor. 1:2, 9; 11:20; 12:13; 14:40; 16:1-2; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; 5:9; Tit. 1:5-9; Heb. 10:25). The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism (Matt. 28:18-20; Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12) and the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:26-29; Mk. 14:22-25; Lk. 22:15-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26), which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer (Jn. 6:55-56; Acts 2:38; 8:39; 16:34; 1 Cor. 10:16; 11:29-30; Col. 2:12).

## **8. Christian Living**

*We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.*

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## **9. Christ's Return**

*We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.*

We believe in the personal, bodily (Matt. 24:30; 26:64; Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7) and glorious (Matt. 16:27; 19:28; 24:30; 25:31; Mk. 8:38; Lk. 9:26; 21:27; Col. 3:4; 2 Thess. 1:10; Tit. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:7; 4:13; 5:1, 4) return of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:31; Tit. 2:13; 2 Thess. 1:6-8; Rev. 19:11-21). The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God (Matt. 24:36; Mk. 13:32), requires constant expectancy (Matt. 24:42-51; Rom. 13:11-14; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Js. 5:8,9; 2 Pet. 3:10-14; Rev. 3:3) and, as our blessed hope (Tit. 2:13), motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission (2 Thess. 1:6-8; 2 Tim. 4:8; Tit. 2:14; Heb. 9:28; 1 Jn. 3:2-3; 2 Pet. 3:10-14).

## 10. Response and Eternal Destiny

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace.

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**The EFCA Statement of Faith was adopted by the Conference on June 19, 2019**

### Week Two Homework:

*Please complete the S.H.A.P.E Inventory (on the NEXT PAGE), so we can discuss together for Session 3 – Thank you!*

*\*The following online resource can help you better understand your Spiritual Gifting:*

Optional Spiritual Gift assessment = [www.spiritualgiftstest.com/test/adult](http://www.spiritualgiftstest.com/test/adult)

## Session Three:

# S.H.A.P.E. Inventory

## *Personal Information:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Spiritual Gifts*** – *A special capacity for service given by the Holy Spirit to every Christ follower.*

Spiritual gifts I believe I may have: (see below)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

I feel I may have these gifts because:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Some common Spiritual Gifts:

- **Evangelism:** Compelled to share the Gospel with others
- **Teaching:** Love to explain why things are true
- **Encouraging:** Find themselves naturally encouraging others and giving advice
- **Leadership:** Enjoy leading and motivating others in serving the Lord
- **Showing Mercy:** Have a genuine sensitivity and compassion for those in need
- **Serving:** Prefer hands on opportunities and don't mind working behind the scenes
- **Giving:** Heightened attention to financial matters and sensitive to how money is spent
- **Administration:** Gifted at organization and able to delegate well to others
- **Hospitality:** Enjoys making guests feel comfortable and welcome

## ***Heart*** – *A God-given desire or passion that motivates you to meaningful ministry involvement.*

List some things you're good at and love doing:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

People compliment me when:

## ***Abilities*** – *Special talents and skills people both in and outside God's family possess.*

The following are my strongest abilities:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

A few examples include: *drama, writing, speaking, artistic, photography, video, counseling, landscaping, cooking, carpentry, computers, accounting, music, tutoring, athletics, etc.*

**Personality** – *Your natural approach to life and relationships.*

This is how I see myself: (circle one of the two words for each comment)

1. Around others I am more: RESERVED or OUTGOING
2. My decisions are based more on: FACTS/THINKING or FEELINGS
3. In my relationships I tend to be more: DEPENDENT ON OTHERS or INDEPENDENT
4. My use of time is more: DETERMINED or SPONTANEOUS

**Experience** – *Events and situations in your life that God has used to mold you into who you are.*

Places I have served in the past or seen God use me are:

Ministry I have participated in that was NOT a good fit for me was:

My spiritual background could be summed up by saying:

Some painful experiences that impacted my life are:

A past experience I've learned from is:

**My Dream Ministry Opportunity -**

If I could hand pick a specific way to serve God using my personal SHAPE, it might be:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

*Thank you for taking the time to help us learn more about your S.H.A.P.E. - We appreciate it!*



# MADERACHURCH

## Partnership Covenant

Having received Jesus Christ as my Savior, and agreeing with Madera Church’s Purpose, Mission, and Statement of Faith, I desire to partner with the Madera Church family.

I agree to pledge myself to God and to the unity of my Church family by committing to:

**Know – I commit to knowing God personally, myself honestly and others authentically:**

- By owning the truth of salvation through Jesus Christ. (John 3:16, 1 John 1:9)
- By accepting responsibility for my personal spiritual growth and exercising spiritual disciplines (Psalm 119)
- By gathering with others to corporately thank God through song and prayer (Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42-47)
- By acting in love towards others and refusing to gossip. (Hebrews 10:24)
- By modeling a godly life that is dependent on the Lord. (2 Peter 3:14)

**Grow - I commit to growing intellectually, spiritually and relationally through God’s truth:**

- By allowing myself to be held accountable to other trusted believers. (James 5:16, Proverbs 27:17)
- By praying for my church family and supporting our leaders. (Colossians 4:2-6, I Thessalonians 1:2-3, Hebrews 13:17-18)
- By addressing concerns and conflict through the biblical model found it (Matthew 18: 15-17).
- By promptly confessing my sins and seeking forgiveness to stay in right relationship with God and others. (1John 1:9, James 5:16)
- By gathering with other believers regularly for fellowship, time in God’s Word, worship, service, and prayer. (Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42-47)

**Go - I commit to share the hope of Jesus as I love others with my words and deeds:**

- By discovering and utilizing my spiritual gifts. (I Peter 4:10, Ephesians 4:11-16).
- By giving regularly and sacrificially of my time, talent and treasure to support the church and its mission. (Luke 6:38, I Corinthians 16:1-2)
- By developing a servant’s heart and finding ways to put others first. (Philippians 2:2-4, Romans 14:19)
- By investing in friendships with people who don’t yet know Jesus. (Philippians 1:27, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21)
- By sharing my personal journey with others and God’s story of Hope in Jesus. (Colossians 3:12-17)

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