

# THE COMMITMENT

Having read *Grab A Towel*, are you prepared to commit to being a Christ-centred servant leader in the 21st century? Please read each statement overleaf carefully and then sign at the end as a covenant before God that you will seek to become the kind of leader that is worth following – the kind of leader that directs people to Jesus.

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*We are committed to being servant leaders who follow Christ and aspire to exemplify the following characteristics:*

### 1. FOCUS ON CHARACTER

Christ-centred servant leaders increasingly exhibit the character of Christ.

It all starts with looking to Jesus. Christ-centred servant leaders love Jesus, spend time with him and seek that his character is formed within them. Jesus is their hero, their example and their best friend. Christ-centred servant leaders will continue to grow in Christ-like character and increasingly exhibit the characteristics of Christ throughout their lives.

**Commitment statement:** I am committed to becoming a Christ-centred servant leader who loves Jesus and desires for his character to be formed within me.

### 2. DEVELOP A PROPHETIC VISION

Christ-centred servant leaders have a gospel-focused vision that continues God's work on earth.

God is the author of mission and reveals his will and purposes to leaders in varied ways. Christ-centred servant leaders seek God for an image of the future and mobilise God's people towards a transformed future. The prophetic task of visionary leaders is to

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receive a specific vision from God, count the cost of obedience, and communicate clearly the vision to others.

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### 3. MAINTAIN FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

Christ-centred servant leaders are faithful stewards of the gospel in their generation.

Christ-centred servant leaders are custodians of the gospel in their generation and will be faithful stewards of the vision and calling God has placed upon their lives. They are responsible to leave a gospel legacy, facilitating the continued expansion of the kingdom into future generations until Christ shall return.

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### 4. BECOME DEEP WELLS

Christ-centred servant leaders catalyse other leaders through growing in maturity.

Christ-centred servant leaders are men and women who are committed to keeping their spiritual wells full in order that they can have a deep impact in others and create a ripple effect of

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faithfulness to God that spans generations. Christ-centred servant leaders grow in maturity and depth as leaders throughout their lives to remain a deep well of resource to those they serve and to emerging leaders.

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## **5. PUT PEOPLE FIRST**

Christ-centred servant leaders put people before programmes, projects and profit.

Christ-centred servant leaders put other people first. They exist to prioritise people above their own interests and the interests of the organisation. They do this through fostering unity, teamwork and building trust.

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## **6. GIVE POWER AWAY**

Christ-centred servant leaders empower others to fulfil their potential.

Christ-centred servant leaders give power away. They do not hold on to power but seek to empower others to fulfil their

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potential and even surpass them. This includes investing in emerging leaders whom they resource and relate to in an ongoing mentoring relationship.

**Commitment statement:** I am committed to becoming a Christ-centred servant leader who empowers others to fulfil their potential in faith, in life and in leadership.

### 7. LEAD WITH COMPASSION

Christ-centred servant leaders are motivated by compassionate love for others.

Christ-centred servant leaders are motivated by their compassion for other people. They seek to express love to those who are different to them, less privileged and most challenging to serve. Specifically, Christ-centred leaders focus on individuals, doing for one what they wish they could do for everyone.

**Commitment statement:** I am committed to becoming a Christ-centred servant leader who demonstrates compassionate love towards others, particularly those less privileged than myself.

### 8. HAVE STEEL IN YOUR SPINE

Christ-centred servant leaders have the steely resolve to persevere.

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Christ-centred servant leaders have the gritty resolve to persevere through all the challenges they face. They have steel in their spines which comes from recognising that God is sovereign and will work all things for good according to his perfect purposes. This enables them to grow in faith, endure through failings, and continue to fight the good fight.

**Commitment statement:** I am committed to becoming a Christ-centred servant leader who, through God's strength, will fight the good fight with steel in my spine, and endure to the end.

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