



Faith Check Guide

God wants you to commit to him and his people in a continually deeper manner. Jesus call this discipleship.

The New Testament says, “Examine yourself to see whether you are in the faith; test yourself” (2 Corinthians 13:5). It's easy to fool ourselves into thinking we're growing spiritually just because everything is going great. It's also easy to fool ourselves into thinking we're not growing because we feel distant, bored, or are struggling. At FOF we want to help you check your faith in a tangible way that goes beyond your emotional state.

What follows is our membership covenant. A covenant is a promise contextualized in a relationship. For us it incapsulates what we think discipleship with Christ in the context of FOF is about. Whether you're a member or not, the contents of this covenant are what we want for you as one loved by Jesus.

The covenant is broken up into sections, each followed by a series of yes/no questions. Use it as a tool for self-reflection, renewal, and commitment. We recommend one section each week.

- Find a place where you can focus.
- Begin with prayer and ask God to guide you.
- Read the section from our membership covenant.
- Answer the yes/no questions.
- Set a goal for flipping a “no” to a “yes.”

The purpose is not to critique. Instead it's to provide a guide for honest self-reflection.

- Where has God been growing you?
- In what ways do you need to repent?
- What are areas you are thankful for?
- Where is God challenging you to grow?
- Where do you need to (re)commit to him?

Though the nature of a yes/no question feels absolute, approach them in general terms. Be honest with yourself. Don't be afraid to say yes if it's true. But let a good honest “no” beat a half-hearted “yes.”

Reconnect with Christ's body

At Fellowship of Faith we never want to be a sea of nameless faces. We believe the way of Jesus does not go alone and that we are called to be in fellowship with each other. Discipleship means doing life together. We want to be an Acts 2 church, where—

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

I commit to: Worship regularly. Connect with others frequently in smaller settings. Partner with others to further God's work in this church and our world.

I feel connected to others at FOF: Yes ☐ No ☐

I worship with FOF 3+ times/month:
(in person, livestream, or YouTube) Yes ☐ No ☐

I regularly attend a Discipleship Group
or other small spiritual gathering: Yes ☐ No ☐

I regularly connect with others from FOF
outside of Sunday morning: Yes ☐ No ☐

I've formed a relationship with someone new
at FOF in the past year: Yes ☐ No ☐

How do I flip a "no" to a "yes"? _____

Reaffirm your faith in Christ

We desire to conform our lives to the teachings of Jesus, clinging to the orthodox, historic Christian faith. We hold the Bible to be inspired by God, governing what we do and believe. We see the writings of the early Lutheran reformers as a guide for better understanding these truths.

I commit to: Deepen my understanding of these teachings and reaffirm them as the governing source of my life and worldview.

I know God better today than I did a year ago: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I am growing in my knowledge of the Bible: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I learn parts of the Bible by heart: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I am growing in my understanding of
Christian beliefs and worldview: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I pray daily: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I regularly engage in FOF Faith Training: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I have an active devotional life: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

How do I flip a “no” to a “yes”? _____

Restart your life daily

Discipleship means radically turning our lives over to God. We believe we are loved by God. And though we are broken, God yearns to redeem and restore every aspect of who we are.

We believe the only way to truly discover the depths of what God is calling us to is by stepping out of our comfort zones and taking leaps of faith. Following him is extreme and the life of faith is an adventure. It is a journey of discovering and re-discovering a deeper life with him every single day.

I commit to: Restart my life every day—repenting of my sins, recommitting to live as God wants, and making myself accountable to the body of believers at FOF as long as I am here.

I feel closer to God today than I did a year ago: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I am more committed to Christ today than I was a year ago: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I am confronting the sin I have in my life: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I can accept God's forgiveness for me: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I repent and recommit to God daily: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I actively seek to be obedient to God: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I take new chances for God: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

Someone in the church holds me accountable: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

How do I flip a "no" to a "yes"? _____

Re-give the gifts God's given you

We believe all that we are and all that we own ultimately come from God. A life of faith means giving back to him.

Discipleship means giving the first of what we receive in proportion to what God has given us. It is about embarking on a way of life where we continually become more generous and more sacrificial with our time and money—towards our church, our families, and the needs of others in this world. We find this a challenge. We find this a joy!

I commit to: Give generously. Give sacrificially. Give the first of what I receive in proportion to what God has given me.

I trust God with my time and finances more today than I did a year ago: Yes ☐ No ☐

I am more generous than I was a year ago:
(with FOF, my family, and the needs of others) Yes ☐ No ☐

I regularly serve at FOF: Yes ☐ No ☐

I give...

Regularly, not randomly: Yes ☐ No ☐

Proportionately from what I receive: Yes ☐ No ☐

The first of what I receive: Yes ☐ No ☐

Sacrificially, that affects my lifestyle: Yes ☐ No ☐

I feel more gratitude towards God today than I did a year ago: Yes ☐ No ☐

How do I flip a "no" to a "yes"? _____

Reignite God's kingdom mission

We don't see outreach as one component of the church. We see it as every component. We believe the Church is God's agent for bringing his restoration to a broken world. His call is not for us alone and Fellowship of Faith exists for something bigger than itself. As each of us are called to be disciples, so each of us are called to make disciples. Discipleship means pouring ourselves into this call.

I commit to: Be a witness. Disciple others. Ignite the mission.

I feel a burden for people who are far from God: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I regularly pray for those who don't know Jesus: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐
(or have misconceptions about him)

I regularly engage in 60 second conversations with people at FOF I don't know: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I often share my faith with others or engage in spiritual conversations: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I regularly invite people to FOF: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I encourage my family and friends to take part in FOF or a local ministry: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I made a membership commitment to FOF: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

How do I flip a "no" to a "yes"? _____

FOF Membership Philosophy

Being a member of Fellowship of Faith is not about belonging. Joining isn't about being accepted or having access to special rights and privileges. Anyone can belong at FOF the moment they walk in the door. To join a church is to unite with a movement of God among a particular group of people.

Becoming a member at Fellowship of Faith is about taking on a very specific role in the congregation. Jesus said, "I have come to serve, not be served." Membership at Fellowship of Faith means doing the same.

To become a member is to shift from guest to host. A member is one who strives to give more than receive, feed before being fed, and serve rather than be served. It means living for something more than ourselves and pouring our lives into the vision and mission God has for Fellowship of Faith.

Answer the following in terms of how you see yourself at FOF.

I see myself more as a host than a guest: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I seek to give more than receive: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I seek to feed before being fed: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I seek to serve rather than be served: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I pour myself into the mission of FOF: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

How do I flip a "no" to a "yes"? _____

Next Steps...

1. Count how many times you checked “yes” or “no” in each section. Tally your responses below:

AREA	Yes	No
Reconnect		
Reaffirm		
Restart		
Re-give		
Reignite		
Membership Philosophy		

Don't worry if you have more yeses or nos. This is simply to help you see where you are.

2. Now that you have a sense of where you are, take a moment to thank God for ways he has grown you. Ask him to help you:

- Change a “no” into a “yes.”
- Use your “yes” to help someone else struggling with that “no.”

3. Share your findings with another at FOF.

- This can be your spouse or a friend.
- This can be at a Discipleship Group.
- Or it can be an FOF Elder or staff member.

Listen to each other, pray for each other, and see if there are ways you can help one another flip a “no” to “yes.” It's what being a disciple and making disciples is all about!

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