

Welcoming New Members

Doctrinal Affirmations

Doctrine of God

LEADER: *Do you believe that there is one God eternally existing as one essence and three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, each of whom is fully God?*

MEMBERS: We believe.

Doctrine of Revelation

LEADER: *Has God made Himself known to the world in Jesus Christ, the Scriptures and creation?*

MEMBERS: He has.

Doctrine of Creation and Providence

LEADER: *Did God create the world from nothing?*

MEMBERS: He did.

LEADER: *Does He govern all things at all times in all places?*

MEMBERS: He does.

Doctrine of Humanity

LEADER: *Do all humans bear the image of God and possess intrinsic dignity and worth?*

MEMBERS: We do.

Doctrine of Sin

LEADER: *Has sin fractured all things, leaving the world in desperate need for salvation?*

MEMBERS: It has.

Doctrine of Salvation

LEADER: *Is salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone?*

MEMBERS: *It is.*

Doctrine of the Church

LEADER: *Is the Church the body of Christ, sent into the world to shine forth the glory of God?*

MEMBERS: *We are.*

Doctrine of Resurrection and Consummation of the Kingdom of God

LEADER: *Will Jesus Christ return to the world to judge the living and the dead?*

MEMBERS: *He will.*

Obligations of Elders to The Village Church

LEADER: *Elders, do you commit to lead and care for this church through prayer, teaching and counsel, in order to protect and equip this local body for the work of ministry?*

ELDERS: *We do.*

Obligations of Members to One Another

LEADER: *Church, will you lovingly encourage and empower our brothers and sisters in these tasks?*

MEMBERS: *We will.*

Conclusion and Celebration

LEADER: *Church, join me in welcoming the newest Covenant Members of The Village Church.*