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Teacher's Agreement

Intended Purpose

- a. Highlight the biblical outlines for teachers
- b. Invite you to seek the Lord & search your heart as you desire to become a teacher/leader at *The Rock*.
- c. Provide an accountability tool that helps outline *The Rock's* desires for leaders that are living out their faith according to God's word.

What the Bible says about Teachers:

a. Teach the truth and live it out

i. Teaching is a Serious Role

1. *James 3:1 "Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly."* This is not meant to deter you from teaching; rather, it is a call to take this responsibility seriously because God takes it seriously.
2. Teachers influence those they teach. We see how seriously God takes this when we read *Luke 17:2 "It would be better for him to have a millstone hung around his neck and to be thrown into the sea than to cause one of these little ones to stumble."* What you teach and how you lead others matters to God and our church.

ii. Be a Student of the Word

1. *2 Timothy 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."* Here we are reminded to do our best and rightly handling the word of truth. How do we do this?
2. Be a student of the word, apply yourself to learning and living out the word.
3. See how Scripture urges us to study the Scripture daily and commends those who study Scripture daily because it is for our benefit.
4. *Acts 17:11 "Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."*
5. *Joshua 1:8 "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."*

iii. Ask for God's Help

1. *Psalms 119:18, "Open my eyes, that I may see wonderful things in your Law."* Ask God to reveal the truth of His word to you in its intended meaning, so you can then teach this to others.

iv. Teach the Truth

1. There are various warnings to the church about false teaching, such as *Acts 20:28-30 "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them."*
2. *2 Timothy 4:3-4 "For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the **truth** and turn aside to myths."*
3. *Titus 1:9 "He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it."*

v. A Teacher's Character

1. *Titus 2:1-8* teaches us to say no to ungodliness, to live uprightly, and self-controlled lives, and to teach the truth. The way we live our lives shouldn't contradict what the gospel teaches.

2. *1 Thessalonians 4:3 "It is God's will that you should be sanctified."*
3. *1 Corinthians 9:27 "No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."*

vi. **Teaching is a Gift from God to the Church**

1. Teachers are people that explain God's word, a gift that edifies the body by bringing clarity, knowledge, and understanding. It is a gift from the Holy Spirit as mentioned in *Romans 12:6-7 "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach."*
2. It edifies the body as Titus 1:9 states (see bullet point 4 for verse).

vii. **A Teacher Should be Able to Teach**

1. *Colossians 4:4 "Pray that I may proclaim it (the gospel) clearly, as I should."*
2. The purpose of teaching is that people gain more understanding of the word.

What We Believe

Please read over *The Rock's* Doctrinal Position, (Statement of Faith - see attached). If you have any questions or need clarification on any part of the statement of faith, feel free to reach out to our Pastor, who would be happy to discuss *The Rock's* doctrinal stance. What we believe the Bible says is ultimately what we teach at *The Rock*. Consider what 1 Corinthians 1:10 says about being unified in what we teach at church. "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

Search Your Heart:

- Do you feel God has called you to be a teacher at *The Rock* at this time?
- Do you agree with the Doctrinal Position (Statement of Faith) of *The Rock* church?
- Do you intend to be a student of the Word, growing in your knowledge of it and apply it to your life?
- Do you value living a life obedient to the word? Does your character reflect the character attributes outlined in 1 Timothy 2 & 3, Titus 1 & 2?
- Is there anything that we should be aware of that is a struggle or stumbling block to you?
- Do you feel inadequate to teach? Consider Moses: he made excuses to fulfill what the Lord asked of him. He was looking at his weaknesses and thought he had no way of doing what God called him to do. But God equipped him and blessed him with a helper, Aaron. It may seem like a daunting task but trust that God can also equip you in this teaching role. He wants to bring you to a greater understanding of His word, if we are willing, he will use us. Consider how God can work in you as you dig deeper into understanding His word in order to teach it to others. He desires you to gain understanding of His word that you may benefit from wisdom and discernment, and ultimately become more like Christ.

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Having Read this Agreement:

1. Your signature on this page represents your agreement to teach scripture aligning with *The Rock's* Doctrinal Position (Statement of Faith) and to conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel. OR:
2. If you prefer not to sign this agreement, your involvement in teaching or leading in *The Rock* will be a declaration that you are agreeing to teach Scripture aligning with *The Rock's* Doctrinal Position (Statement of Faith) and to conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel.

It is our prayer that as you study and teach, God will bless and equip you as you endeavour on this important and rewarding task. May you do it diligently and seek the Lord through it.

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord my rock and my redeemer." Psalms 19:14

1 Thessalonians 1:3 "We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.