

# Port City Community Church

# Small Group Leader

## Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Application Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (If Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you attended Port City Community Church? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your walk with Christ (please feel free to use back of page if you need more space): \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly describe why you are interested in being a small group leader.

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Before attending Port City Community Church, what was your church background?

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Are you currently in a small group or have you ever been in a Port City Community Church small group? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If so, who is/was the leader? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you referred by anyone to be a small group leader? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what is their name and may we contact them? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any current areas of service at Port City Community Church.

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### Type of Small Group You Wish To Lead:

0 Men's 0 Women's 0 Married Couples 0 College 0 20's 0 30's 0 40's 0 50+

What day/night of the week are you interested in leading? \_\_\_\_\_

## Expectations of a Small Group Leader

- Calls PC3 their church home and attends services regularly
- Understands REAL and how it is discipleship process PC3 utilizes (this process will be covered within the Essentials training)
- Your service as a SG Leader and the impact you will have on members in your small group comes from the overflow of your belief and walk with Christ.
- Attend 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Small Group Leader Training
- Stay in contact with your Small Group Advocate
- Identify and seek opportunities to build relationships individually with your small group members outside of your normal small group meeting time
- Pray for the members in your small group
- Fill out MyPC3 weekly small group meeting reports
- Support Port City Community Church's leadership and doctrinal statements
- Participate in ongoing training opportunities
- Identify a member/members in your group that you can invest time in and encourage them to move into SG Leadership

Note: A follow up meeting may be scheduled upon receipt of your application

For Office Use Only Date Application Received ____/____/____  Comments _____ _____ _____
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# Port City Community Church Statement of Faith

In essential beliefs — we have unity.

“There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all...” Eph. 4:4-6

In non-essential beliefs — we have liberty.

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters... Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls... So then each of us will give an account of himself to God... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.” Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22

In all our beliefs — we show charity.

“...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains — but have no love, I amount to nothing at all.” 1 Corinthians 13:2

The Bible\*

The sole basis of our belief is the Bible, composed of 66 books of the Old and New Testament. We believe that Scripture in its entirety originated with God and that it was given through the instrumentality of chosen men. Scripture, thus at one and the same time, speaks with the authority of God and reflects the backgrounds, styles, and vocabularies of the human authors. We hold that the Scriptures are infallible and inerrant in the original manuscripts. They are the unique, full, and final authority on all matters of faith and practice, and there are no other writings similarly inspired by God.

God\*

We believe that there is one, true, holy God, eternally existing in three persons- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- each of whom possess equally all the attributes of deity and the characteristics of personality. In the beginning God created out of nothing the world and all the things therein, thus manifesting the glory of His power, wisdom, and goodness. By His sovereign power He continues to sustain creation. By His providence He is operating throughout history to fulfill His redemptive purposes.

Salvation\*

The central purpose of God’s revelation in Scripture is to call all people into fellowship with Him. Man defied God, choosing to go his independent way, and thus was alienated from God and suffered the corruption of his nature, rendering him unable to please God. The fall took place at the beginning of human history, and all individuals since have suffered these consequences and are thus in need of the saving grace of God. The salvation of mankind is, then, wholly a work of God’s free grace, not the result, in whole or in part of human works or goodness, and must be personally appropriated by repentance and faith. When God has begun a saving work in the heart of any person, He gives assurance in His Word that He will continue performing it until the day of its full consummation.

Jesus Christ\*

Jesus Christ is the eternal second person of the Trinity who was united forever with a true human nature by miraculous conception and virgin birth. He lived a life of perfect obedience to the Father and voluntarily atoned for the sins of all by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died. He ascended into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of the Father, where He, the only Mediator between God and man, continually makes intercession for His own. He shall come again to earth, personally and visibly, to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.

The Christian Life (The Holy Spirit)\*

The essential accompaniment of a genuine saving relationship with Jesus Christ is a life of holiness and obedience, attained by believers as they submit to the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. He was sent into the world by the Father and the Son to apply to mankind the saving work of Christ. He enlightens the minds of sinners, awakens in them a recognition of their need of a Savior, and regenerates them. At the point of salvation He permanently indwells every believer to become the source of assurance, strength and wisdom, and uniquely endows each believer with the gifts for the upbuilding of the body. The Holy Spirit guides believers in understanding and applying the Scripture. His power and control are appropriated by faith, making it possible for the believer to lead a life of Christ-like character and to bear fruit for the glory of the Father.

Human Destiny\*

Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. For all mankind, there will be a resurrection of the body into the spiritual world and a judgment that will determine the fate of each individual. Unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation. God's judgment will reveal His justice in consigning them to perpetuate in eternal retribution their own rejection of God. Believers will be received into eternal communion with God and will be rewarded for works done in this life.

#### The Church\*

The corollary of union with Jesus Christ is that all believers become members of His body, the Church. There is one true church universal, comprised of all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Scripture commands believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, the teaching of the Word, the observance of baptism and Communion as the sacramentarian ordinances established by Jesus Christ, fellowship, service to the body through the development and use of talents and gifts, and outreach to the world. Wherever God's people meet regularly in obedience to this command, there is the local expression of the church. Under the watch care of elders and other supportive leadership, its members are to work together in love and unity, intent on the one ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ.

#### Faith and Practice\*

Scripture is the final authority on all matters of faith and practice. This church recognizes that it cannot bind the conscience of individual members in areas where Scripture is silent. Rather, each believer is to be led in those areas by the Lord, to whom he or she is ultimately responsible.

We believe the Statement of Faith to be an accurate summary of what Scripture teaches.

All members shall refrain from advocating doctrines that are not included in the Statement of Faith in such a way as to cause dissension.

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