

Living Springs Church

the **MASTER'S**  
*Commission*  
A GENERATIONAL CALL TO CHARACTER 

# STUDENT HANDBOOK

# THE MASTER'S COMMISSION

## Introduction

It is the conviction of the ministry and members of Living Springs Church that there is only One Master who calls us to His Commission. The Master is Jesus, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. His Commission commands us to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19)

Students who have chosen to enter the Master's Commission are choosing to dedicate in a special way one year of their lives to God. It is our fervent prayer that they will take their place in the body of Christ to join in the work of the Great Commission. May it be said of them that they are "...vessels of honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work." (2 Tim 2:21) This is truly the Master's Commission!

## B Goals for Master's Commission Graduates

- A Christ-centered lifestyle rather than a self-centered one.
- To have an undistracted relationship with the Lord that is real, life-giving, intimate, and daily.
- To have a love for God's Word.
- To be equipped in basic theology through Bible Classes.
- To encourage expressive worshippers who will develop worship as a lifestyle.
- To have a conviction and a desire to represent the Lord accurately in every situation.
- To have a correct view of whom God is as a loving, caring father and as a ruling king.
- To know who they are in Christ and to have the freedom to walk in that authority.
- To fully understand the unconditional love and acceptance of God.
- To discover and mature spiritual gifts and learn to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Prayer – to develop a strong prayer life.
- To have the heart of a servant leader.
- To have a vision and revelation of joining generations together, and generational transfer so as to further the purposes of God on the earth.
- To be transformed more into the image and character of Christ.
- To be self-examining through biblical lenses.
- To become a self-disciplined person and to deal with procrastination, apathy, and laziness. To have a godly work ethic with a pursuit of excellence.
- To understand the Christian worldview and to be equipped to apply it to current issues in our world.
- To be able to speak effectively, equipped to share the Gospel message, personal testimony, and teach biblical truths. To have practical ministry experience.
- To build a biblical foundation into their lives from which they can launch into their God-given purpose.
- To be trained and equipped to be leaders of people.
- To desire to give their heart continually to the Lord and to have a submissive attitude towards the leaders He brings in their lives.
- To have a desire to be a reformer and problem solver in our culture and our world.
- To develop a strong prayer life through spending time in the Prayer Center once a week.

## **C Schedules**

Start Date: Tuesday September 21st, 6-9pm.

### **1. September to November and January to June:**

Tuesday Schedule:

- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Devotions and Prayer
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Class Time

Evening Schedule:

- Homework, Ministry Assignments, Correspondence Classes

Sunday Schedule (January to April)(along with MC Class Tuesday evenings):

- Married For Life \*

Weekend Schedule (Depending on Weekend):

- Ministry Assignments, involvement in weekend services

### **2. June 2022 (TBC):**

Tuesday Schedule:

- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Devotions and Prayer
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Class Time

### **3. July and August (2022):**

Tuesday Schedule:

- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Devotions and Prayer
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Class Time

**\* Married students will take the 13 week Married for Life course starting in January if they have not had the opportunity previously. (TBC)**

## **D. COURSE CURRICULUM**

The Master's Commission is designed to develop in each student the spiritual maturity and character necessary to become servant-leaders. The students' relationship with the Lord will grow as they learn who He is, and who they are in light of a holy and loving God who is their Father.

### **The general course involves:**

1. Reading the entire New Testament (year 1) and the Old Testament (year 2).
2. Personal Bible study with written reports.
3. Oral presentations by the students.
4. Personal application papers based on class topics.
5. Serving and outreach opportunities.
6. Serving and ministering in various churches.
7. Training in ministry and the arts.

### **Some Specific Courses:**

- New Testament Survey
- Spiritual Gifts & Ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Godly Leadership
- Cultural Issues
- Godly Character
- Evangelism and Missions
- Worship and Worship Arts

## **E. OUTREACH / SERVING THE CHURCH /OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **1. OUTREACH VISION STATEMENT**

We believe that all followers of Christ have a responsibility to reach out and represent Him in their communities. Christ Himself commanded, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Recognizing that God did not save us just for our own sakes, we determine to lay down our lives for the sake of the lost. The leaders of our church have emphasized the need for us to break out and be enlisted in service to the community with the goals of reproducing the seed God has planted in us, penetrating our culture, and proclaiming the Lord's favor.

Above all, we seek to do the will of our Father God in reaching out to those in need. We will carry His heart for the lost as we fulfill the Great Commission and bring the Kingdom of God to the culture.

### **2. OUTREACHES**

In our Local Community

- Partnering with local ministry organizations.
- Being 'light' in our community through practical service.

And beyond

- Direct ministry involvement with LSC staff
- Weekend ministry trips
- Missions Trip in Year Two

### **3. SERVING IN THE CHURCH**

There will be many opportunities to serve in a variety of different ministries that exist at LSC.

*Including:*

- Alpha
- Young Adult Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Married For Life
- Outreach Ministry
- Mercy Ministry
- Mission's Trip in Year Two
- And More...

## F. Expectations

*These expectations are purposefully designed to draw the students into the center of God's presence and to enhance their relationships with others by teaching them to show preference to one another.*

1. The students are to initiate the bi-weekly meeting with his/her mentor and come to each of these meetings with all their forms filled out.
2. The students are asked to be flexible in their availability for work or ministry assignments as needs arise. Flexibility is a key. Jesus' ministry was characterized by inconveniences. Some of the greatest miracles occurred as a result of interruptions. Being flexible opens the door to divine opportunities.
3. It is important that students discuss ministry commitments with their mentors. We want to work with the students to monitor involvement levels to be sure they are healthy.
4. Students are expected to be at least 5 minutes early for all events.
5. If there is a legitimate reason a student is unable to attend an event, please contact the MC staff as well as the person in charge of the event they were to serve in.
6. Students are asked to be committed to the Master's Commission's yearly schedule. Leave can be granted for special occasions but students and their families are asked to work around the school's schedule. The staff feels the responsibility to provide maximum opportunities for corporate growth and experience. If a student misses these growth opportunities, they find themselves lacking significant events that are part of their development.
7. To help maintain good health, students are encouraged to fit regular exercise into their weekly schedule.
8. It is the student's responsibility to complete and hand in assignments and requirements on time.
9. There is no gambling, drug, alcohol or tobacco use permitted at any time.
10. Students may use the MC computers for homework.
11. This is a time to saturate your life with the Lord. Therefore, we ask that the students only listen to music that glorifies the Lord and promotes worship.

## **H. DRESS GUIDELINES**

The Master's Commission students are ministers representing Jesus Christ. All dress should be modest and reflect Him. Dress reflects the condition of the heart. The students are asked to dress in a way that reflects honor to the Lord and each other.

### HAIR

Women

Hairstyle and coloring must be conservative and in good taste.

Men

Neat, Trimmed and Well-kept. Coloring must be conservative and in good taste.

### JEWELRY

Women

Jewelry must be in good taste - not gaudy. Earrings are for ears only. No other body piercing jewelry is acceptable.

Men

Jewelry must be conservative - rings, watches, bracelets and simple neck chains only.

No tattoos or any other body markings may be acquired during the Master's Commission year. We may ask for a covering to be worn over certain existing tattoos.

### GENERAL

Men & Women's clothing should be modest. No halter-tops or tight clothing—modest tank tops only (no spaghetti straps), skirts should be at least knee length. Modest bathing suits for men and women should be used when swimming or boating. Please be respectful when wearing hats in the church building. No hats during church services. Work attire must be modest, clean, and appropriate for the task.

**REMEMBER - YOU ARE A MINISTER REPRESENTING JESUS CHRIST!**

## **I. RELATIONSHIP GUIDELINES**

These guidelines are to protect and strengthen your relationship with the Lord and to protect your integrity as a disciple. With these guidelines, it will be easier to maintain a more unified group of disciples. They are not intended to break up or keep you from godly relationships. Our goal this year is to secure and maintain an undistracted devotion to Christ. Therefore:

1. The affection shown to any one member of the Master's Commission (or anyone outside of the program) is expected to be the same as that shown to everyone else in the group.
2. We ask there be no riding alone in a vehicle with someone of the opposite sex, unless previously approved by the Master's Commission staff.

These guidelines apply to relationships with people either in or out of the Master's Commission. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please talk with us about it. We would be happy to explain the reasoning behind them.

## **NOTES FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

1. There is a discounted couple's rate
2. If a spouse wants to enroll the program for the year, the cost per couple is \$1,300.
3. All spouses are invited to every social event.
4. All spouses are welcome to attend devotions.
5. Spouses would be encouraged to be at any ministry assignment possible.
6. There is required attendance at Married for Life for each couple, regardless of whether they are both enrolled in Master's Commission or not.
7. Spouses are invited out to the Orientation and Retreat at the beginning of the program.

## **J. ITEMS NEEDED FOR ENTERING STUDENTS**

Required items for the Master's Commission year are to be obtained before Student Orientation Night.

1. Passport that is valid for the school year
2. Bible—New American Standard (NAS), New International Version (NIV), New King James Version (NKJV). Or New Living Translation (NLT)
3. Appropriate clothing



## FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

The total cost of the Master's Commission program for the year is **\$1000.00**

*\* not including the mission's trip or ministry trips.*

### Two Options for Payment:

**Option One:** \$1000.00 due September 1<sup>st</sup>

**Option Two:** If starting in September:

\$350.00 due September 1<sup>st</sup>

\$350.00 due December 1<sup>st</sup>

\$300.00 due March 1<sup>st</sup>

You can now take one class at a time at **\$250.00** per class instead of committing to a full year. The application process will be the same.

All tuition and student monthly support monies must be given (sent) directly to the Master's Commission. All cheques are to be made out to **Master's Commission** or email money transfer to [masterscommission.lsc@gmail.com](mailto:masterscommission.lsc@gmail.com).

### For Married Couples

- The cost per couple is **\$1300.00** whether or not the spouse takes the program.

