

# **PARTNERSHIP**

## **Relationships are everything**

### **Week 1: Our Relationship to the Covenant**

#### **Questions for this week:**

1. Did you know when you came to Ocean Hills that it was part of the Covenant denomination? Did that have any bearing on why you decided to attend our church?
2. Gary used 4 words to describe our denomination-- “Biblical” (love for God’s word), “Devotional” (love for God), “Missional” (love for God’s purposes) and “Connectional”. (love for God’s people). Which of the 4 is most challenging for you?
3. The word “Covenant” means “in it together”. In what way(s) have you experienced this at Ocean Hills? In what way(s) have you experienced this in your small group?
4. Read James 1:22-25. What does this passage say with regard to reading God’s word (the Bible)? Do you feel like you read God’s word this way? Why/Why not?
5. Gary said the Covenant church was formed around the truth of James 1:22, to be doers of the Word, and not just hearers. How do you think we are doing at Ocean Hills?
6. What holds you back from being a “doer” of the Word? Feelings of inadequacy? Wondering if you have anything to offer? Fear of commitment?
7. Read James 2:14-17. What do these verses say about living out God’s word? How do you feel when you read these verses? How do you think they are to be interpreted?
8. If time and money were no object, what mission trip would you like to be a part of? Is there any location or area if need you particularly have a heart for?
9. One of the statements our church stands for is “living beyond yourself”. How are you at living that way? Is it a challenge- or does it come naturally to you? Where do you need prayer to live beyond yourself?