**BE the Church**

**Part 2 – What is the Evangelical Covenant Church?**

The Evangelical Covenant Church is characterized by 4 commitments by which we go deeper in Christ and further in mission together.

As a denominational family, we are:

1.
2.
3.

The denomination grew out of what country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Philip Jacob \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was an early leader in the pietist movement.

Small bible studies across Sweden were called “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

In 1726 the Swedish government tried to stop the small groups with the “Conventical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

The Swedish Immigration ran from 1830-1930. In that time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ million Swedes immigrated to the United States and Canada.

These early pietists in the United States became known as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

Our local church first met in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Our church was officially established in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The original church building was destroyed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What is a “Covenant?”

The ECC does not have a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ statement.”

The famous statement within the Covenant church is “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?”

Within the Evangelical Covenant Church there are six affirmations. We affirm:

1. The centrality of the word of God,

2. The necessity of the new birth,

3. A commitment to the whole mission of the Church,

4. The Church as a fellowship of believers,

5. A conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit, and

6. The reality of freedom in Christ.

(**Stop** video to answer questions)

• What would be the result of loving God with our whole being?

• What would that look like?

• What seems like the most effective way for a denomination to reach people for Christ?

(**Continue** video for a moment, then **stop** to complete the next exercise)

**Biblical:** How is God’s word influencing your life?

**Devotional:** What spiritual practices help you go deeper in Christ in this season of your life?

**Connectional:** How will you embrace being better together within the local church? How will you connect beyond your church?

**Missional:** What is your next step in going further in mission with God?

