

Small GROUP COVENANT

It's a good idea for every group to put words to their shared values, expectations, and commitments. Such guidelines will help you avoid unspoken agendas and unmet expectations. We recommend you discuss your guidelines during your first group meeting in order to lay the foundation for a healthy group experience, and then review at least annually with the group. As well, you should discuss these with each new member.

WE AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING VALUES:

Clear Purpose	To grow healthy spiritual lives by building a healthy small group community
Group Attendance	To give priority to the group meeting (call if I am absent or late)
Safe Environment	To create a safe place where people can be heard and feel loved (no quick answers, snap judgments, or simple fixes)
Confidentiality	To keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group
Conflict Resolution	To avoid gossip and immediately resolve any concerns by following the principles of Matthew 18:15-17
Spiritual Health	To give group members permission to speak into my life and help me live a healthy, balanced spiritual life that is pleasing to God
Limit Our Freedom	To limit our freedom by not serving or consuming alcohol during small group meetings or events so as to avoid causing a weaker brother or sister to stumble (1 Corinthians 8:1-3; Romans 14:19-21)
Welcome Newcomers	To invite friends who might benefit from this fellowship and/or study and warmly welcome newcomers
Building Relationships	To get to know the other members of the group and pray for them regularly
Other	_____

WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED & AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Childcare: _____
- Starting Time: _____
- Ending Time: _____

If you agree to this covenant, sign here: _____