

# Community Group Covenant

## GUIDELINES & COVENANT

1. **Dates:** We'll meet on \_\_\_\_\_ nights for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks. Our final meeting of this quarter will be on \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Time:** We'll arrive at \_\_\_\_\_ & and begin the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_. We'll spend approximately \_\_\_\_\_ minutes in study/discussion, and \_\_\_\_\_ minutes in prayer/sharing.

Leaders \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.# \_\_\_\_\_

Hosts \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.# \_\_\_\_\_

Small groups thrive on participation! The purpose of this covenant is to help you to discuss and clarify your group's goals, expectations, and commitments.

### Community Groups: PURPOSE

Community Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24 & 25). We'll do this by focusing on four primary activities:

#### Share

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal, as we feel more comfortable.

#### Study

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

#### Support

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ Commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as *prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another, and meeting real needs.*

#### Serve

Spiritual Growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our community (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve, and make a difference in God's Kingdom.

## Five Marks of a Healthy Group

For our group to be healthy, we need to . . .

- 1) Make spiritual growth our number one priority (Romans 8:29).
- 2) Accept one another (Romans 15:7).
- 3) Take care of one another (John 13:34).
- 4) Treat each other with respect (Ephesians 4:25-5:2).
- 5) Keep our commitments to the group (Psalm 15:1-2, 4b).

3. **Children:** Each group member is responsible to make sure their own children do not interrupt group time. Especially sensitive group moment like prayer time. Together as a group we will make sure our kids are cared for by \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **Study:** Our studies will focus on the same topic covered in the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

5. **Prayer:** Praying for one another.

6. **Homework & Attendance:** Joining a Community Group requires a commitment *to attend each week and to do the homework ahead of time*. Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts, and other special events, but not much more!

If we cannot come to a meeting, we will call: \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Desserts:**

8. **Social & Service Project:**

9. **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

***We agree together in Christ to honor this covenant.***

(To be decided by each person on or before the third week. Keep this covenant for your records of your commitment. )

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