

Small Group Covenant

1. The purpose of the group is to:
 - Embrace one another, develop mutually caring relationships, and encourage each other into an increasing depth of community.
 - Extend our selves in hands on experiences to those that may not yet know Christ with a goal of developing a heart and lifestyle of outreach to unbelievers.
 - Demonstrate the values of loving others, serving together, spiritual growth and intercessory prayer.
 - Additional notes

 2. How long will our group meet? What is the process to decide if we want to continue on? When will our start and stop dates be?

 3. What time will we meet?

 4. Where will we meet?

 5. We will agree to the following ground rules for our group:
 - Priority:** While we are in the group, we will give the group meetings priority, life situations not withstanding.
 - Participation:** Everyone is given the right to their own opinion, and we will respect everyone's opinion. We can agree to disagree; we do not have to come to a consensus.
 - Conflict Resolution:** We will be honest with any hurts. We will take responsibility for any offense we cause and take appropriate actions to resolve them. We as a group will work to mediate disagreements within the group. We will hold no grudges once an issue has been resolved.
 - Confidentiality:** Anything that is said in the group is never repeated outside the meeting; unless an illegal situation or intent to do harm is revealed. In this case, the information will be handled responsibly.
 - Empty Chair:** The group stays open to new couples at the pace we choose. We will prayerfully consider opening our group to the couples God leads to us. Once a new couple joins, we will intentionally include them in the group.
 - Support:** Permission is given to call upon each other in time of need.
 - Accountability:** We agree to let the group members hold us accountable to the ground rules as stated in this covenant.
 - Leaving:** Any group member is allowed leave the group at our determine evaluation points without any negative repercussions. (excluding any emergency situations)
 - Children:** Hosts will find appropriate places and supervision for the children during group time so that parents are free to fully participate in group discussions.
- Additional group ground rules:**

Signed:
