



LIFE GROUPS COVENANT & GUIDELINES

Leaders _____ Phone # _____

Hosts _____ Phone # _____

Why This Agreement?

Life Groups thrive on participation! This guide is meant to help us talk through and clarify our group's goals, expectations, and commitments to one another. It's not a contract with the church, but a shared understanding of how we'll grow together in Christ.

LIFE GROUPS: THEIR PURPOSE

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual growth through authentic Christian relationships and the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24, 25). We'll do this by focusing on four rhythms:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what's happening in our lives. At first, this may involve some guided questions, but over time it will become more natural and personal as we grow in trust.

STUDY

We'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or another helpful topic. Our goal is to discover together how to live out our faith in everyday life.

SUPPORT

We'll learn how to care for one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This includes prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another, and meeting practical needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth also comes as we serve. Each of us has a role to play in the health of the church and in being the hands and feet of Jesus to our community (Ephesians 4:11-16). Together, we want to explore and affirm how God has designed us to make a difference in His Kingdom.

FIVE MARKS OF A HEALTHY GROUP

For our group to be healthy, we will aim to . . .

- ❶ Make spiritual growth our top priority (Romans 8:29).
- ❷ Welcome and accept one another (Romans 15:7).
- ❸ Care for each other with love (John 13:34).
- ❹ Treat one another with respect (Ephesians 4:25-5:2).
- ❺ Follow through on our commitments (Psalm 15:1-2, 4b).

GUIDELINES & RHYTHMS

Dates	We will meet on _____ nights for _____ weeks. Our final meeting of this session will be on _____.
Time	We will arrive between _____ & _____, begin at _____, spend about _____ minutes in study/discussion and _____ minutes in prayer/sharing. Singing may be included if our group desires.
Children	For the sake of focus and participation, group members will arrange childcare as needed. Nursing newborns are always welcome.
Study	Our studies will be based on the same topic covered in the previous Sunday's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.
Prayer	We will pray for and with one another regularly.
Homework & Attendance	Life Groups work best when we show up for each other consistently and come prepared. We know life happens—sickness, travel, or unexpected events—but our goal is to make this time a priority. If we cannot attend a meeting, we will call _____
Desserts	
Social & Service Projects	
Other	

We have read, and agree to honor this covenant.

(Initials Below)

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