

# LIFEGROUPCOVENANT

CLARIFY THE PURPOSE. COMMIT TO THE JOURNEY.

## LIFE GROUP COVENANT (Sample)

This covenant will help us discuss and clarify our goals, expectations, and commitments as a group. Since healthy groups thrive on trust and participation, a clear covenant is an important starting point towards a successful group experience.

### OUR BASIC PURPOSE

Small Groups exist to promote spiritual growth and maturity through the development of significant Christian relationships centered around the study of God's word & relying on the work of the Holy Spirit. (See Hebrews 10:24-25 & Romans 8:29)

#### **SHARING**

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

#### **STUDY**

Each week we'll show up prepared for the week's study and sharing our quiet times. We will strive to learn our Bible memory verses. We realize that the health and impact of the group depends on each of us contributing. Our goal is to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, and grow in Christlikeness in our day-to-day experiences and relationships.

#### **SUPPORT**

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (see John 15:9-13). This care will take many forms such as prayer, listening, meeting needs, encouraging and even challenging one another as needed.

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

We all need a safe place, so what is shared in the group stays in the group.

### FIVE MARKS OF A HEALTHY SMALL GROUP

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

- 1) Focus on spiritual growth as a top priority. (Romans 8:29)
- 2) Accept one another in love just as Christ has accepted us. (Romans 15:7)
- 3) Take care of one another in love without crossing over the line into parenting or taking inappropriate responsibility for solving the problems of others. (Proverbs 27:17)
- 4) Treat each other with respect in both speech and action. (Ephesians 4:25-5:2)
- 5) Keep our commitments to the group – including attendance, homework and keeping confidences whenever requested. (Psalm 15)

## **GUIDELINES & COVENANT**

1. **Dates** We'll meet on \_\_\_\_\_ nights for a \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.  
We will break for holidays and the summer.
2. **Time** We'll arrive at \_\_\_AM/PM and end at \_\_\_AM/PM.
3. **Study** Each week we'll complete the assigned work in the study guide and other assignments (memory verses, readings, spiritual timeline, etc.)
4. **Prayer** Our group will be praying each week for one another and specific missions and outreach requests.
5. **Homework & Attendance**  
Joining a Life 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! *This commitment is the key to a healthy group.*

Most weeks, the home work will require from 30 to 60 minutes to adequately prepare for the group study and discussion.

If we cannot come to a meeting, we will alert the leaders.

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Name (Signature)

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Date