

Small Group Covenants

We agree to the following for our group:

Accountability:

- We will give meetings a priority on our designated day and time.
- Everyone is important to the group; therefore, if a person is to miss a meeting, that person is expected to notify a group member ahead of time.

Meeting: At each meeting we will designate a time for the following:

- Each person to share their cares and concerns
- A time for prayer
- A time for a discussion on a devotional/Christian book/Bible study

Missions:

- As a group we will participate in at least one mission project each semester.

Responsibility:

- We will share in the responsibilities of maintaining the group.
- We will pay for childcare and study materials books (as applicable and as financially able).

Respect:

- Everyone is given the right to their own opinion.
- We will not put people down for what they say.
- We will agree to disagree.
- When someone is speaking, we will listen and not interrupt.
- Dominating a discussion is discouraged.
- If there is concern that something said was hurtful or not appropriate, the concern should be discussed in private directly with the individual(s).

Confidentiality:

- We will keep what is said in the group between group members.
- We will keep conversations of sensitive nature within the group meeting time.
- We will not gossip.

Support:

- We will call upon each other in a time of need.
- We will support those who are in need.

Open chair:

- We welcome newcomers.
- We recognize there are appropriate times during the year to add new members.
- We recognize that small groups that are too big do not meet the needs of its members.
- We understand that this group will eventually grow and multiply.