

Group Covenant

These are some suggested areas that your group might want to include in your covenant.

The Purpose(s) of our group: _____

Maximum number of members (can be an estimate): _____ Group policy on visitors and/or non-Christians: _____

Logistics: We will meet for _____ weeks, after which we will re-evaluate our direction.

We will meet on _____ (day), from _____ to _____ (times) and we will strive to start and end on time.

We will meet _____ times per month. We will meet at _____ (place)

For those with childcare needs we agree to: _____

Concerning refreshments, we agree to: _____

Format of the meeting:

* Time for prayer: _____ minutes * Time for Worship: _____ mins * Time for study: _____ mins

* Time for fellowship: _____ mins * Time for group administration (announcements, planning, etc): _____ mins

Group Roles: For _____ (length of time), we will share in the work of building our community by volunteering to share the following roles and responsibilities:

Group Leader (Liaison with MPPC Small Group Ministry team): _____

Lead meetings: _____ Lead study: _____

Lead group prayer: _____ Host meetings: _____

Provide Refreshments (Alternating): _____

Organize activities (service & social): _____

Prayer Warrior: (pray fervently for members, track prayer requests) _____

Communications Person (Follow-up on absences, email meeting updates, group reminders, group roster, contact info, birthdays, etc.): _____

Care Coordinator (organize meal prep for ill members, write encouraging notes, etc): _____

Study Selection: _____

Homework/Preparation Commitments (Define approx. # of hours & content to cover prior to meeting): _____

Group Values:

BELONG

- **Affirmation:** While I may not always agree with a group member's actions, I will love him/her as a person and do all I can to hold them up in God's affirming love.
- **Priority:** I will give the group meetings priority, and if I am unable to attend or am running late, I will call ahead.
- **Sensitivity:** Even as I desire to be known and understood by you, I covenant to be sensitive to you and to your needs. I will try to see you, hear you, and feel where you are and to draw you out of the pit of discouragement and withdrawal.
- **Confidentiality:** I promise to keep what is shared within the group confidential in order to protect an open atmosphere.

BECOME

- **Authentic:** I am committed to being real with those in my group.
- **Support:** I will be there as best I can to support those in my group.
- **Growth:** I am committed to growing in my faith and actions to become more like Christ.
- **Service:** We will work toward serving and reaching out to our community, to those in need and to those who don't have a relationship with Jesus.

BLESS

- **Spiritual gifts:** Members encourage the mutual discovery and application of talents and gifts so that members embrace and serve people in and beyond their small group.
- **Open chair:** The group stays open to God's leading in inviting new people into the group. We will, as a group, discuss and agree upon specific invitations before an invitation is extended.
- **Apprentice leader:** We will strive to identify and develop apprentice leaders within our group and be open to God's leading to start or birth other groups.

SERVICE

Ways in which we will serve within our group and within our church: _____

Ways in which we will serve in the surrounding community: _____

Group Signatures and date: _____