

# COMMUNITY LIFE GROUPS COVENANT

## **PURPOSE**

To provide a safe environment where participants can experience authentic community through the development of real relationships and spiritual growth.

## **VALUES**

### *Relationships*

Connecting with others through intentionally building authentic relationships is the backbone of the community life group.

### *Authenticity*

The atmosphere of a community life group encourages openness and transparency among members. The group is a place for people to be free to be and share themselves with others.

### *Availability*

A primary responsibility of community is to prioritize for specific relationships. This requires a willingness to be available to meet each other's needs.

### *Confidentiality*

In order for authentic community to exist, each member must be able to trust that issues shared and discussed in the community life group not be shared outside the group.

### *Respect*

Group members should never do or say anything that will embarrass their spouse or any member of the group.

## **GOALS**

### *Multiplication*

One of the goals of the group is to start a new group within twelve to twenty-four months. This allows others to experience the community of group relationship.

### *Service*

I will honestly seek to use my skills and spiritual gifts in serving others either as a group or individually in my community and/or church.

## **LOGISTICS / GUIDELINES**

1. We will meet from \_\_\_\_\_ (September) to \_\_\_\_\_ (August).
2. We will meet on \_\_\_\_\_ night.
3. We will begin at \_\_\_\_\_ and end at \_\_\_\_\_.

[Suggested time of 90 minutes to 2 hours]

4. Our group time will typically consist of \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of prayer, \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of Bible study and discussion, and \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of sharing and relating.
5. Our group will be a closed group until all members agree to welcome additional members. Or, our group will be open to inviting those with whom we have begun a friendship desiring to share Jesus with them.
6. I will prepare (*homework*), attend and participate on a regular basis with all members agreeing to pray for other group members on a weekly basis. *This commitment is the key to a healthy group.*
7. Each group member is responsible for arranging child care for their own children. Nursing newborns are welcome. Financial assistance is available for child care (see your Group Leader).

I covenant together before Christ and with the other members of this group to honor this agreement.

Group Leader(s)

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Group Members

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