

SMALL GROUP CONTRACT



This contract communicates what every small group member commits to maintaining and defines the guidelines for our community.

- I will make my small group meetings a priority, and if I'm unable to attend or am running late, I will call ahead.
- I will come to my small group meeting prepared and ready to participate.
- I will commit to my small group to focus on application of God's Word to my life.
- I will maintain confidentiality of the personal information that is shared within my small group. I understand my small group leader may communicate appropriate information to those in leadership as necessary, and I trust his or her discernment in this.
- I will be accountable to my small group concerning my personal and spiritual goals.
- I will commit to a small group that is open to new members, and as it grows we will seek to multiply to further God's work.
- I will encourage other members to cultivate a daily quiet time with God.
- I will pursue opportunities to share what God has done in our lives with those who do not know Jesus Christ.
- I will pray and support the leadership of Harvest Bible Chapel to continue to seek God's direction for our Small Group Ministry.

Signature

Date

SOCIAL COVENANT

This covenant communicates how every small group member commits to living and defines the spirit of our community.

Love One Another -Care Intentionally

John 13:34; 1 Peter 4:8; Ephesians 4:15

Be earnest in my love at all times.

Always speak the truth in love.

Listen to understand; don't assume or accuse.

Pray for one another with compassion.

Forgive One Another -Pursue Unity

Ephesians 4:1-32; 1 Corinthians 1 :1 O; Matthew 18:15-20

Be quick to forgive and ask forgiveness.

Let personal offenses roll off my back or to God in prayer.

Model unity by resolving conflict quickly.

Get the whole story, including both sides in personal conflict.

Serve One Another -Minister Actively

Galatians 5:13; Exodus 17:11-12; Proverbs 19:20; 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

Be intentional in blessing others.

Stay teachable and show deference.

Be flexible to meet situational needs.

Maximize my strengths and recognize my constraints.

Be committed to the whole, not just the part.

Submit to One Another -Esteem Others Highly

Ephesians 5:21; 1 Peter 5:5; Philippians 2:3-4; Matthew 7:3-5

Be the first to lead in humility and honor.

Serve others' interests before my own.

Check my motives and expectations before speaking.

Know my limits and respect the boundaries of others.

Encourage One Another - Cultivate Redemptive Relationships

1 Timothy 5:1; Romans 1:12; Ephesians 4:29

Be a safe person to get real with.

Seek to build up always and never tear down.

Compliment another person's character when it comes to mind more than once.

Value the person more than their performance.

Point to Christ for hope and help.

Be Devoted to One Another - Commit Wholeheartedly

Romans 12:5-10; Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 13:3

Be there in the hard times.

Seek reconciliation between others.

Guard my relationships with truth and love.

Go gently if correction is needed.

In order to protect this community, I will avoid both speaking or listening to unhealthy criticism of others and will solve conflict biblically. Specifically, I will be discreet in my communication, correct slander and gossip immediately, and speak directly with those involved.

I am committed to living out the values outlined above and will seek to model Christ-like character and build up the church for Christ's glory.

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