



2025/2026

Small Group Commitment

This Contract communicates what every small group member is agreeing to maintain. The *Commitment* defines the guidelines for our community. The *Core Values* communicate how every small group member commits to live and the spirit of our community.

- I will make my small group meetings a priority, and if I'm unable to attend or running late, I will call or message my leader ahead of time.
- 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 time with God in Scripture and prayer.
- I will faithfully participate in the Sunday worship service at Grace.
- I will pursue opportunities to share what God has done in our lives with those that do not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- I will pray and support the leadership of Grace Community Church to continue to seek God's direction for our Small Group Ministry.

Signature

Date

Small Group Leader: _____ 2025/2026

Small Group Core Values

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 4:29-32, 1 Corinthians 1:10, 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 Thessalonians 5:11, 14, Romans 1:12, Ephesians 4:29*]

- Be a safe person to get real with
- Seek to build up always and never tear down
- Compliment others' character
- 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 13:3, 17:17*]

- Be there in the good and difficult times
- Seek reconciliation between others
- Guard my relationship with truth and love
- Go humbly and gently if correction is needed