

Leader(s) Name PLEASE PRINT

Meeting Day

Meeting Time

This is the Leader's guide to the Covenant. This will help you as you go over the Covenant with your Life Group on your first night together. The purpose of the Life Group Covenant is to help you to discuss and clarify your Life Group's goals, expectations, and commitments.

PURPOSE

The purpose of our Life Group is to help us grow and become like Christ. We'll do this by focusing on:

Share

Each week we will be sharing what is happening in our lives. As we get to know one another, this will become more informal, natural and comfortable.

Study

Each week we'll discuss what we are studying together in our Life Group. Our goal is to learn how to live out our faith in everyday life as we become passionate Christ followers.

Support

Each week we will learn how to love and support each other through prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another, and meeting real needs.

ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHY GROUP

In order to do life together well, we commit to:

- Make spiritual growth our number one priority **EPH. 4:15**
We come together for several reasons (make friends, pray, encourage and support each other), but our number one goal is to help each other become like Christ.
- Treat each other with respect **EPH. 4:29**
This means not putting anyone down as we listen to one another, being slow to give advice unless asked, and encouraging each other.
- Keep our commitments to the group **MATT. 5:37**
This means showing up on time prepared, having done our Life Groups Study, and ready to be involved in what we are about as a group.

- Give everyone a chance to share **JAMES 1:19**
We have limited time each week so we want to make sure we give everyone a chance to share.
- Take care of one another **JAMES 2:8**
When crisis hits, we want to be there with support, prayer, encouragement, listening, meals, practical help, etc.
- Accept one another **ROMANS 15:7**
We won't always agree on everything and that's OK. We want this to be a safe place to share honestly.
- Honor confidentiality **PROVERBS 11:13**
What's shared here needs to stay here. We don't want to gossip or share personal information outside the group.

GROUP COMMITMENTS

1. Our Life Group will meet for ____ weeks. Our final meeting of the session will be on _____ .
2. We will begin at ____ am/pm and end at ____ am/pm.
3. Our group time will typically consist of ____ minutes of worship (optional), ____ minutes in study/discussion, and ____ minutes in prayer/sharing.
4. We will be going through the Loving People curriculum in our Life Group, having completed the study and assigned reading each week.
5. We will plan on doing a social together outside of our Life Group before week 6.
6. We will plan on doing a service project together over the course of the session (optional).
7. We will take turns bringing dessert/snack each week.
8. We will attend and come prepared each week. (Regular attendance is key to growing authentic relationships.) If we cannot come to a meeting, we will let the leader/group know.
9. **Group members recognize that one of the main goals of our group is to multiply this group in order to create more Life Groups for our growing church.**

BY WEEK #3

I commit together with the other members of this group to honor this covenant.